



It is good for us to draw near to God: We have put
our trust in the Lord God. He is the strength of
our hearts and our portion forever.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS JANUARY 4, 1976
REV. RALPH C. LINK, PASTOR
MRS. EUGENE STEPHENSON, ORGANIST
MR. RALPH COOPER, CHOIR DIRECTOR
JODIE MARTE, DAN BOSKO - ACOLYTES

ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE "MUSIC FOR A CHURCH SERVICE" SALVADOR
PLEASE REMAIN SILENT DURING ORGAN CHIMES

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 123 "AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD"

*ASCRPTION - CHORAL AMEN

*EXHORTATION

*CONFESSION (IN UNISON) "EVER-LIVING God, BY WHOSE
MERCY WE HAVE COME TO THE GATEWAY OF ANOTHER YEAR; GRANT
THAT WE MAY ENTER IT WITH HUMBLE AND GRATEFUL HEARTS;
AND CONFIRM OUR RESOLUTION, WE BESEECH THEE, TO WALK
MORE CLOSELY IN THY WAY, AND LABOUR MORE FAITHFULLY
IN THY SERVICE, ACCORDING TO THE TEACHING AND EXAMPLE
OF THY SON OUR LORD. LET NOT THE ERRORS AND OFFENSES
OF THE PAST CLING TO US, BUT PARDON US AND SET US FREE,
THAT WITH PURER PURPOSE AND A BETTER HOPE WE MAY RENEW
OUR VOWS IN THY PRESENCE, AND SET FORTH UNDER THE GUIDANCE
OF THY SPIRIT, TO TRAVEL IN THE PATH WHICH SHINETH MORE AND
MORE UNTO THE PERFECT DAY OF THY HEAVENLY KINGDOM. AMEN.

*KYRIE (CHOIR, CONGREGATION AND PASTOR)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON - CHORAL AMEN

*PRAISE

*PASTOR: 'O LORD OPEN OUR LIPS.

*PEOPLE: AND OUR MOUTH SHALL SHOW FORTH THY PRAISE

*DOXOLOGY No. 551 How many Bibles?

SCRIPTURE: JUDGES 10: 6-18 "Read thru?"

HYMN OF THE MONTH 122 "O MORNING STAR, HOW FAIR AND BRIGHT"

*AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)

*GLORIA PATRI

*CALL TO PRAYER

*PASTOR: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

*PEOPLE: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.

*PASTOR: LET US PRAY.

*PRAYER AND PRAYER RESPONSE

OFFERING

OF

"RETROSPECTION"

MENDELSSOHN

SOLO: "I'LL WALKER WITH GOD" BRODSZY - SUNG BY
CYNDIE SYBERT

SERMON: "GOD'S CAFETERIA"

*HYMN OF INVITATION No. 214 "JUST AS I AM"

*BENEDICTION AND THREE FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "POSTLUDE" BOHM

----- *CONGREGATION STANDING -----

THE LOVELY FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN PLACED BY
MR. & MRS. CHARLES FLEEGER TO THE "GLORY OF GOD".
SERVING AS USHERS TODAY ARE: *ALLEN BOTACCHI, JOHN
REDMAN, DAN BOSKO, ROBERT KANUER AND CHARLES PENAR.
DEADONESS JOAN MASTERS AND SON WILL REPRESENT COUNCIL
AT THE DOOR TODAY.

THE ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY - 207.

NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED TODAY BY: MRS. BERTHA
HOLLEFREUND, SUE HOLLEFREUND AND PAULA STEPHENSON.

MONDAY - 7:00 - ALL GROUPS HAVE EITHER PRESIDENT OR
REPRESENTATIVE AT THE MEETING IN THE UNDERCROFT TO
SET UP SCHEDULE FOR THE NEW YEAR BOOK.

MONDAY - 7:30 - MARY PRUGH CIRCLE MEETING.

ALL ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD HAVE REPORTS IN FOR THE
YEARBOOK THIS WEEK.

HOSPITALIZED: MRS. EMMA HEGINBOTHAM, MRS. EVELYN
SHAKELY, MR. WILMER PFABE. ~~DE THURSDAY - BABY~~

WED. - 7:30 - CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING.

THE NEWSLETTER WILL BE PUBLISHED ON THURSDAY - PLEASE
HAVE ALL MATERIAL IN BY WEDNESDAY.

A NEW CLASS FOR YOUNG ADULTS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18
TO 30 IS BEING FORMED. THE FIRST GET TOGETHER IS
PLANNED FOR SUNDAY JANUARY 11, AT 9:45 A.M. IN THE
UNDERCROFT. COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS WILL BE SERVED.
AN ERROR WAS MADE IN THE LETTER WHICH WAS SENT OUT
AND THE DATE WAS INCORRECT. THE CORRECT DATE IS
JANUARY 11 AND IF YOU ARE IN THIS AGE BRACKET WE
HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE FIRST MEETING. THE TEACHER
OF THIS NEW CLASS WILL BE ROB SYBERT.

THE BUTLER FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES WILL MEET ON THURS.
JAN. 8, AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE NORTH STREET CHRISTIAN
CHURCH. A PROGRAM ON "DEATH WITH MEANING AND
DIGNITY" IS TO BE PRESENTED. THE MEETING WILL END
AT 8:30 AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.

"God's Cafeteria"

Text: Judges 10:14,
GO AND CRY UNTO THE GODS WHICH YE HAVE CHOSEN: LET
THEY DELIVER YOU IN THE TIME OF YOUR TRIBULATION.

Scripture: Judges 10:6-18

Story Marriage lik Cafet, pik out wat want pay 4 later
Per sum peop say this tru Bcuz their marr no ideal
I Bliev shud B sed life lik cafet, pik out pay 4 lat
Bliev lif hold all sort choic & wat choz pay 4 later
"" G giv lif which mak choce, thus lif lik "G's Cafet"
EXEGETER SCRIP: Foll deth Josh' wors idol heath neigh
G rase JUDGES=Deliverers, 12 Men, 1 woman,
comm peop no perfect, bu G use rescu His peop sin
Start vs 6=comm fare bk Jdgs, want help, G refuse

TEXT: READ

This sam story 20 cent, we think others not us,
thos peop, thus elusiv & remov from us, not us collect
or me individ, but it is me individ
They had lk livs mak choic, & this diffi
Had giv up strang g's 2 B bless
On thresh Nu Yr we need mak choic, do way str G's
Formula=Dble I, Dble E = Intern, Intern, Extern, Etern
wat amt 2 go thru G's Cafet lif & mak choic
If mak wrong choic, can only, READ TEXT
We mak choic not wiv, hus, moth, fath, sis, bros, etc
We respons 4 choic
1st Choic=INFERNAL quest Wat Must I do with Js Xp?
Pilate ask & he echo ever since
(ILLUST Moody & his mistake) need C urg this quest &
must each answer wat will do with Js
Must consider choic INTERNALLY
Not IQ, degree, intellect, accept/rejec with hart only
then must EXTERNALIZE, P say, with mouth conf mad 2 sa
Not only speak but show outward, in ch cum 4ward.
this no out show, but outward sign we no asham Js XP
EXTERN not only service ch, but daily livs,
(Illus woman India as Xpian) mouth as well as lif
Wiv/husb turn off other Xpian=mate inferior in relig
mates hav misconcep wat relig all about
Choic ETERNAL= 2 many peop liv this etern lif, insted
this lif step stone 2 etern,
Sum peop equate hell as end, but it etern 2
Why do sum peop concern selv accum prop, possess, Byond
which can use? Reason=no cum 2 grip wat lif all bout
lik think all liv 70/80 but not so
(I' s yg man hart attack, Neil Armstrong)
Sover thots right? Yet can sttle etern destiny 1
moment

Js say, He Bliev on me HATH etern lif",
He no say, will hav, cud hav, But HATH
thus etern Bgin wen acpt Him
Isn't worth hav?
Duzn't mak mor sens provid 4 etern lif mor accum
stock, bond, insur policies 4 days may never see?
But we must mak decis which G we chooz
(Illus minist & cab driver)
If any U harbor thots Bcuz U do cert reg work this
ch,
or contrib cert amt, or Bcuz baptiz, confirm, commun
U R Saved, & hav salvation U R WRONG
It none these, U can work all lif ch, giv salary,
commun ever Sun, & no hav salv
It only persoaal accept Js Xp giv salv
Will sing Invit Hymn, I invit any who mad commit &
want re-dedic, te lif cum 4ward
if unsure commit & wud lik mak cum 4ward alstar rail
If never mad commit & wud lik mak, cum 4ward
If bakslid mad commit but no liv, cum 4ward
Do not look how good, how bad,
no look 2 husb or wiv this personal Btween U & God
Don't B bakward, Bashful or timid
No think Delay friends family,
this step each shud & must tak 4 etern & any incor
2 do so will B mor than mad up 4 at end this lif
If during sing of hymn little voice speak 2 U
that G's Holy Spirit urg U 2x 2 mak decis 2day
DO NOT PUT IT OFF til later date,
4 that day may never cum again
Now is the hour, 2day is day of salvation
Come & accept Xp as Ur Saviour 2day.

※The Internal, External, External Choice※

Scripture: Judges 10:6-18

I believe that ~~God has given mankind~~ all sorts of things to choose from, and what we choose we must pay for at a later time. I believe that God gives us the life in which to make these choices, and so I see this life as ~~consisting~~ being similar to a cafeteria, God's Cafeteria if you will.

So what we read for our scripture this morning is the typical fare of this book of Judges. It is not surprising then that the block of Scripture we read starts out, "And the children of Israel did evil "AGAIN" in the sight of the Lord." It goes on to ~~state~~ name the heathen gods they worshiped, and how God became angry with them and permitted them to be sold into slavery. They suffered greatly under this oppression, so that they clamored to God and begged to be freed of ~~the~~ bondage. They confessed their sin and admitted their mistake, (vs 10). But God spoke to them and told them of their release from the bondage of the Egyptians, and from all of the others who had oppressed them since their flight from Egypt. God reminds them that they had forsaken Him, and not He they and God

declares that He will not deliver them anymore, (vs 13). He advises them to, (read text, vs 14). It is then that we read of the Israelites cleaning up their lives and turning back to the proper way of living, and seeking someone who will again lead them, (vss 15-18).

This story of the lives of the people of Israel is a story that is and has been repeated time after time in our 20th century. We like to look around us and see that this is the story of other people. Those people out there somewhere, which makes it quite elusive and far removed from us. Thus we assure ourselves that we are not referring to ourselves, or more particularly me individually. But it does involve us, and it does involve me individually. We see in this story that these people ~~had to~~ not only had to look at their lives, but they had to make some hard choices. This was the difficult part, the choices. They had to give up their strange gods if they were to be blessed by the one true God. And as we stand on the threshold of another New Year, we can see that we need to make some choices, and to do so means that we must do away with the strange gods we have chosen.

The formula I have arrived at to accomplish this is what I call the "Double I, Double E Choice." This merely an abbreviation for the Infernal, ~~Externally~~ Internal, External, Eternal Choice. Now what all of this amounts to is that we need to go through "God's Cafeteria" of life and make our choices. We must remember of course that as we choose, if we make the wrong choices we can only "go and cry unto the gods we have chosen; and let them deliver us in the time of tribulation." Meaning of course that if we choose other gods, we have only ourselves to blame and must bear the responsibility for that choice, or choices. What we take, or choose, we must live with and that is final. We must also remember that these choices are made by each of us individually and not by our wives or our husbands, or our mothers or fathers, or sisters or brothers. But by each of us personally. So we need to know the choices we need to make. The first choice we must make a determination for is that old Infernal question, "What must I do with Jesus Christ?" This question has bothered man since Jesus Christ stepped upon the stage of life. Pilate at His trial asked the question,

"What shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" Pilate was merely exhoing this question which has plagued mankind ever since. Dwight L. Moody the great old time Evangelist ~~XXXX~~ addressed one of the largest crowds of his career in Chicago on October 8, 1871. His message was based on this question of Pilate, and he told his audience that the following Sunday he would speak on the cross, and he wanted all of them to think about the question, "What will you do with Jesus?"

(Continuation of illustration of Moody's Mistake).

So we need to see the urgency of the answer to this Infernal question, and we each need to answer what we will do with Jesus.

We next need to consider this choice Internally. It is only from the heart that we can decide what our choice will be. We can have all sorts of educational degrees, and we can have the highest IQ in our town. But this will not gain us salvation. It is only through the heart as Paul says that we can accept Christ as our Saviour. Thus we see that we must make the choice of whether to accept or reject Jesus Christ, and we must internalize this or do it with our hearts and not our minds or our intellects.

We must then Externalize this choice if we have made it. Again quoting Paul we read that "With the mouth confession is made unto salvation." This means that we not only speak it, but we show it outwardly. Jesus says that anyone who is ashamed to profess Him before men, He will be ashamed to profess before God. Thus we can see that we need to make the verbal acceptance, as well as the outward physical acceptance. In church this means that we must be willing to come before the altar and make this public acceptance. This is not an outward show to prove to others how good we are, but it is an outward sign that we are not ashamed to show that we believe in Jesus Christ.

must not only
But we Externalize this ~~externally~~ in a service of worship, but in our daily lives as well. Being a Christian, whether a new one or ~~an~~ one of many years, means that we witness or speak of Jesus Christ ~~by~~ ^{with} our mouths, as well as with our lives. (Illustration of woman in India). This is how all Christians should live. But strangely enough some men do not want their wives to be Christians, and some

wives do not want their husbands to display their new found Christianity. Neither of them will state why not, but the underlying reason is that the mate who has newly found Christ and shows it, makes the other one feel inferior in his or her faith. Thus we see that a husband or wife accepting Christ, sometimes has an adverse effect on the mate because of a misconception of what it is all about. Thus far we see that we must make the choice, doing so Internally, and ~~exhibiting~~ professing this publicly. Now we see that the choice we make is an Eternal one. So many people live this life with the wrong motives and reasons and discover only too late that this life is not eternity. This is merely the steppingstone to it. And regardless whether you feel you want to go to heaven or to hell, be certain of one thing that both heaven and hell are eternal. There is no damning by God to hell and then eternity is snuffed out. It is just as eternal as heaven except in a different way. Isn't it reasonable then that we should all be seeking to attain eternity by going to heaven? Then why do people in all walks of life concern themselves with the accumulation of property and goods, and possessions and material goods beyond that which they can possibly use? The reason is merely that they have not come to grips with what life is all about.

We like to think that we will all live to be 70 or 80 and there is plenty of time to settle the problem of eternity. But this is not always so.

(Illustration of young man & heart attack, & Neil Armstrong and 1/100 inch of rubber between life & death.)

These are sobering thoughts are they not? Yet we can determine our eternal destiny in one short ~~moment~~ moment. Jesus said, "He that believeth on me hath eternal life." Notice, He didn't say "will have" or "could have", But instead He said, "Hath." Thus meaning eternity begins the moment one accepts Him. Isn't this worth having? Doesn't it make more sense to provide for our eternal life, more than it does the accumulation of stocks and bonds and insurance policies for days we may never live to see? But here again, we must make the decision as to which god we will choose.

A minister tells a story that is all too prevalent in many of our congregations especially among what is known as the Mainline Denominations, such as ours.

He says that he ~~was~~ arrived in a certain town by plane and took a taxi at the airport to reach his destination. On the way the driver asked him what he did for a living and he told him he was a preacher. He asked what denomination and he told him and when the driver found out it was one of those fundamental churches he tuned him out. The preacher asked the driver to what church he belonged and the man told him. When the preacher asked him about his salvation the man began to reel off all of the things he did in his church, and how he gave this amount, and took communion regularly and had been baptized, confirmed etc., and all of this would take him to heaven. He could not understand that all of these things are commendable, but not a one of them will assure eternity in heaven.

~~I wonder how many of you here this morning are laboring under these false notions about religion.~~ If any of you here this morning are harboring thoughts that because you do a certain kind of work in this church regularly, or contribute a certain amount, or because you are baptized, confirmed and take communion, you are saved, or have salvation, you are wrong. It is none of these that gives salvation. We can work here for as long as we live, but this does not bring salvation. We can commune every Sunday, or give our entire salary, and still not have salvation. It is only a personal acceptance of Jesus Christ that gives salvation.

We are going to close our service with the singing of an Invitational Hymn. During the singing of this hymn ~~you~~ I would invite any of you who ~~have~~ made this commitment and want to rededicate your life, to come forward. If you are unsure whether you have made this commitment and would like to make it, please come to the altar rail. If you know you have never made this commitment and would like to have the assurance of spending eternity in heaven with God, please come forward. Please do not look at how good you think you are, or how bad you think you may have been. Please do not look for your wife or your husband's approval to do this. This is a personal matter between you and God and neither your husband, nor your wife, nor anyone else can make this commitment for you.

Don't be backward, or bashful, or think that you will be delaying your friends or your family by coming forward. This is a step that we each must take for eternity and any inconvenience to do so will be more than made up for at the end of this life. If during the singing of this hymn a little voice is speaking to you, that is God's Holy Spirit urging you to make this decision today. Do not put it off to a later date, for that date may ~~never~~ never come again. Now is the hour, today is the day of Salvation. Please come & accept Christ as your Saviour today.

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 ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.
 PRELUDE MUSIC: "CHORALE" ARR. PEERY
 "ON WINGS OF SONG" MENDELSSOHN

PLEASE REMAIN SILENT DURING ORGAN CHIMES

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 14 "PRAISE YE THE FATHER"

*ASCRPTION - CHORAL AMEN

*EXHORTATION

*CONFESSION (IN UNISON) "ALMIGHTY FATHER, AS WE KEEP HOLY TIME UNDER THE DEEPENING SHADOWS OF THE CLOSING YEAR; WE THANK THEE FOR ALL THAT IT HATH BROUGHT TO US OF MERCY AND TRUTH. RECEIVE OUR SORROW FOR OUR SINS, AND IN THINE INFINITE MERCY BLOT THEM OUT OF THE BOOK OF THY REMEMBRANCE. LET NOT THE EXPERIENCES OF OUR PAST DAYS BE LOST UPON US. FIX IN OUR MINDS EVERY LESSON OF FAITH AND DUTY WHICH THOU HAST BEEN TEACHING US. TAKE FROM OUR HEARTS EVERY VEIL THAT WOULD HIDE FROM US THE SHINING OF THE HEAVENLY LIGHT. GRANT UNTO US, BEFORE THE RECORD OF THIS YEAR HAS BEEN FINISHED AND SEALED, A FRESH CONSECRATION, A VERY DEEP AND HONEST DESIRE TO LIVE ACCORDING TO THY WILL, AS IT HAS BEEN MADE KNOWN TO US IN JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN."

*KYRIE (CHOIR, CONGREGATION AND PASTOR)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON - CHORAL AMEN

*PRAISE

*PASTOR: "O LORD OPEN OUR LIPS.

*PEOPLE: AND OUR MOUTH SHALL SHOW FORTH THY PRAISE

*DOXOLOGY No. 551

SCRIPTURE: ISAIAH 41: 1-14

HYMN OF THE MONTH 122 "O MORNING STAR, HOW FAIR AND BRIGHT"

*AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH (STATEMENT OF FAITH) - IN THE FRONT FEW PAGES OF THE HYMNAL.

*GLORIA PATRI

*CALL TO PRAYER

*PASTOR: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

*PEO: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.

*PASTOR: LET US PRAY

*PRAYER AND PRAYER RESPONSE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "FLUTE SONG" ACKENRUSEN

SERMON: "PROMISES, PROMISES!"

*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 271 "O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED"

*BENEDICTION AND THREE FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "PRELUDE IN G MINOR" BACH

----- *CONGREGATION STANDING -----

THE LOVELY FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN PLACED BY MR. & MRS. HOWARD BOLAM TO THE "GLORY OF GOD".

SERVING AS USHERS TODAY ARE: *WALLY FEDER, JOHN SNOW, MONTY MACKINNEY, JAMES MALONEY AND STEVE VARGO.

DEACON AND MRS. STEVE VARGO WILL REPRESENT COUNCIL

AT THE DOOR TODAY.

THE ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY WAS 188

NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED TODAY BY: BRAD AND JUDY

VINROE AND LAUREL STAUFFER.

THURSDAY - 10:30 - MARY MARTHA CIRCLE MEETING

FRI. - 9:00 - ARC CLASS BOWLING PARTY - BOWLAWAY LANES.

REFRESHMENTS AFTERWARDS AT THE CHURCH.

HOSPITALIZED: MRS. EVELYN SHAKELY, MRS. NORA THOMPSON,

MR. RALPH KILLEAN, MRS. EMMA HEGINBOTHAM.

A NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS IS STARTING TODAY - FROM

THE AGES 18 TO 30 (GIVE OR TAKE A FEW YEARS). ANY-

ONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A PART OF THIS CLASS

CAN. MR. ROB SYBERT IS THE TEACHER FOR THIS GROUP.

NEXT SUNDAY WILL BE THE NOMINATION OF CHURCH SCHOOL

WORKERS AND TEACHERS AND OFFICERS, DURING THE CHURCH

SCHOOL TIME.

THURS. - 7:00 - BIBLE STUDY

 CHRISTIANITY IS A JOYFUL RELIGION; AT LEAST IT IS MEANT TO BE. BOTH OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS ARE FILLED WITH EXHORTATIONS TO GOD'S PEOPLE TO REJOICE. "PRAISE GOD WITH SHOUTS OF JOY!" CRIES THE PSALMIST. AND PAUL BIDS US: "REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS; AND AGAIN I SAY, REJOICE!"

THERE IS A GREAT DEAL FOR THE CHRISTIAN TO BE JOYFUL ABOUT. IN GOD WE HAVE A FAITHFUL SAVIOR, THE CONQUEROR OF SIN, DEATH, AND HELL, IN WHOM WE HAVE FULL AND FREE FORGIVENESS. IN THE HOLY SPIRIT WE HAVE A COUNSELOR AND GUIDE WHO HAS PROMISED TO LEAD US INTO ALL TRUTH. HERE IS AMPLE CAUSE OF JOY.

Bible readings/welcome visitors:

TIM FRY BIRTHDAY TODAY.

"Promises, Promises!"

Text: Isaiah 41:10,
FOR I AM WITH THEE. BE NOT DISMAYED;
FOR I AM THY GOD. I WILL STRENGTHEN THEE; YEA, I WILL
HELP THEE; YEA, I WILL UPRIGHT THEE WITH THE RIGHT HAND
OF MY RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Scripture: Isa. 41:1-14, Deut. 13:15, Josh. 6:26,
1 Kings 16:34

(Story yng man & promise 2 girlfriend)

Taught proms little up, can keep & sum must brake
2 kind proms, human--divine, & expl diff btween 2
READ TEXT: G's proms kept & many scrips prove
Simple fulfil this AM, 3 scrips
1 Deut. 13:15, 16, but last 16, IT SHALL NO B BUILT AG
2 Josh. 6:26, ARC clas, curse on Jericho
3 1 King 16:34, Hiel Bethelite, children die
Archaeos & finds=Inhabit continu pre-Abe 1400 BC
no inhabit 2 900 BC or time Hiel, Ahab
Strata 900 show lrg hse, child jar gate, also wall
G's proms cum tru & fulfil
1st giv orders, next situation, then prom of future
G no mak idle proms
Yu Yr & peop mak proms or resols & proms no last
reason=we mortal flesh, we distracted by evil, sin,
world around us

(Illustration nu hunting dog)

Compar parab seed paths, stony ground, etc.
peop shallo & sudden relig, & then worldly
Sum us mad proms serious nature bout Js Xp
from only 3 kept if place hands Alm G 4 guid & help
G only keep if rely upon Him thru Js Xp who say,
"I'LL WITH U ALWAYS"

This 2 prom of G

We need pray 4 ea other, uphold ea other dur wks & dys
this yr, in prayer 2 Almighty God.

If truly want gro as Xpians this yr need seek fulfil
of G's proms in livs this cong & ch thru prayer

This how we help & lov ea other as fellow Xpians
But ponder words G spok thru proph Is, "Fear not I with
U", can honest say prom hav sam signif 4 us 2day?
Sam signif as thousands yrs ago?

Is this reality 4 us?

2 B real we must Believe G's proms fulfilled

(It's Negro Dr. in woods & meet man)

Paracul? Perhaps. But ral record illus unseen protec
surround children G, revealed by Him
So if think G proms just "IRONS, IRONS lik ours, we
need kno G fulfil His proms.

Mayb not happen 1 large revel, but sooner, later it cum
2 pass.

Let us understand. READ TEXT

This mean not only 76, but ea day, ea wk, ea moment
Rt here now he with us.

Thanks B 2 G who giv prom thru Lrd Sav Js Xp

"Promises, Promises!"

Text: Isaiah 41:10,

Fear thou not; for I am with thee. Be not dismayed; for I am thy God. I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

Scripture: Isaiah 41:8-14, and scripture references: Deut 13:15, 16, Joshua 6:26, 1 Kings 16:34.

A young man said to the girl he had asked to marry him, "Henry, if you marry me I will fix this old house up inside and out. I'll put in electricity, get some modern kitchen gadgets, remodel the plumbing, paint the house and make it just the way you want it." "Henry," sighed the smart young lady, "suppose you do all of those things and then ask me again."

Now here was a very smart girl. She was ~~xxxxxx~~ a pretty good judge of human character. She seemed to know that promises are so easy to make, especially when one is filled with enthusiasm, but difficult to keep once the humdrum existence of life takes over again. She was not doubting the sincerity of Henry, she was just striving to make sure he kept the promises he was willing to make.

Most of us have probably been taught from little on up, to keep promises we make. But we are also aware that sometimes it is very difficult to keep them. As we may try, there are occasions when a promise must be broken.

But when we talk about promises, we find there are really two kinds. There are human promises, and there are Divine promises. ~~Byxxxxxxx~~

~~xxxxxxx~~ Human promises, are promises made between people, with one another. Divine promises are promises which God makes to His people. In our scripture for this morning we read ~~of~~ one of these promises. He said, (read text).

When we make a comparison between the promises of God, and the promises of man, we can see there is a vast difference between them. The promises of man are fleeting transient things, while the promises of God are lasting and eternal.

As we look at portions of Scripture such as we read this morning, I am sure there are those just like the Israelites who would question whether God actually keeps or had kept his promises made so long ago.

Well, to answer this ~~partially~~ fully would lead us through the Bible to many, many different incidents and portions of Scripture. So to answer this partially this morning I would like for us to look at 3 short portions of Scripture.

Let us first turn to Deuteronomy 13.

The book of Deuteronomy is the book of the law, and so when we read from it we are reading the law given by God to the Israelites. As we look at the 13th chapter of Deuteronomy beginning with the 12th verse we see that we are dealing with the law governing idolatrous cities which they would come to and live in, and what they are to do concerning them. We read specifically in verses 15 & 16 (read them.) The very last words of 16 are what is significant for us to understand. "It shall not be built again." These are the direct orders from God to the Israelites concerning evil and wicked cities. Now if we turn to the 6th chapter of Joshua we see the overthrow of the city of Jericho by the Israelites and how it was completely destroyed as they were ordered to do by God. Some of you have studied this in the ARC class recently and are familiar with the story. At the very end of the chapter we read what Joshua says in the name of the Lord. Here is a promise that is made in the way of a curse upon anyone who would build the accursed city again! (read verse 26).

Now if we turn to 1 Kings 16, we will see something interesting. Reading the 34th verse we read, "In his days did Hiel, the Bethelite, build Jericho; he laid the foundation of it in Abiram, his first born, and he set up the gates of it in his youngest son, Segub, according to the word of the Lord, which He spoke by Joshua the son of Nun." It has been discovered by Archaeologists that the ruins of Jericho show that it was inhabited continuously from Pre-Abrahamic times to about 1400 B.C. which was the time of Joshua. Then it was not inhabited until about 900 B.C. Thus we see that the promise of God ~~was~~ about idolatrous cities being rebuilt again had been fulfilled for approximately 500 years. But ~~archaeologists~~ digging in that layer around 900 B.C. uncovered a large house. A jar with the remains of a child was found in the masonry of a gate, and ^{two} ~~several~~ more jars were found in the walls. This house is thought to be the house of Hiel. Thus we can see that God's promises are true and are fulfilled. First He gives the orders as to how His people are to live. Then He sets forth the situation in which to practice His orders. His promise then is made as to what will happen in the future concerning the situation. From this we realize that God does not make idle promises.

Each year either at the end of the old year, or the beginning of the New Year, people make all sorts of promises that they will change this or that in their lives. Or they will determine to alter a certain course of action in their lives which has perhaps caused them some problems. But more often than not the promise or resolution only lasts for a short period of time. The reason for this is due to the fact that we are ~~human~~ mortal flesh and we are prone to sin and the evil influences of the world. We are distracted by the sights and the sounds around us. In this respect we are similar to the new hunting dog a certain man had. (Illustration of dog & "Distracted By The World").

Some of us have made promises of a very serious nature concerning Jesus Christ.

The promise if it is to be kept must be placed in the hands of Almighty God for guidance and help. We can only keep this promise by relying upon Him through Jesus Christ who said, "Lo I am with you always." This too is the promise of God. But we also need to help each other by praying for one another

and upholding each other during the weeks and days of this year with prayer to Almighty God.

(to be inserted above before: "The Promise if it is to be kept etc.")

Here is where a parable of Jesus comes true concerning the seed which fell upon the path, and among the weeds, and stony ground. For it is in the lives of people who are shallow, or who are ~~flakes of the earth~~ suddenly religious and then worldly, that the parable has its fulfillment.

If we truly want to grow as Christians in this New Year, we need to seek God's fulfillment of His promises in the lives of the people of this congregation, and church, ~~through~~ through prayer. This is how we are to help ~~each other~~ and ~~and this is how we are to~~ to love one another.

But as we ponder the words of God as spoken through His prophet Isaiah, "Fear not, I am with you," can we honestly say this promise has the same significance for us today, it had several thousands of years ago? Can we honestly know this and can it be a reality for us? Well, if this is to be a reality for us, we need to believe and know that God's promises are fulfilled.

(Illustration of Negro Doctor and meeting man in the woods)

Miraculous? Perhaps. But I believe it is merely a recorded occasion in which the unseen protection surrounding His children was revealed by God. So if we are inclined to believe that the promises of God, are just "Promises, Promises" like those of we mere mortals, let us understand and know that God fulfills His Promises. It may not happen in one vast revelation, but sooner or later He makes it come to pass.

Let us come to know and to understand that He said He would be with us, (read text). This means not only for the complete year 1976, but for each week, day, each moment. Right here and now He is with us. ~~Thank God~~ Thanks be to God, who gives us this promise, through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE MUSIC: "COMMUNION" PEARCE
 "MEDITATION" MASSNET

PLEASE REMAIN SILENT DURING ORGAN CHIMES

*ASCRPTION - CHORAL AMEN

*EXHORTATION

*CONFESSION (IN UNISON) "ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD,
 IN WHOM WE LIVE AND MOVE AND HAVE OUR BEING, WHO HAST
 CREATED US FOR THYSELF, SO THAT OUR HEARTS ARE REST-
 LESS TILL THEY FIND REST IN THEE, GRANT UNTO US
 PURITY OF HEART AND STRENGTH OF PURPOSE SO THAT NO
 SELFISH PASSION MAY HINDER US FROM KNOWING THY WILL,
 AND NO WEAKNESS FROM DOING IT. IN THY LIGHT MAY WE
 SEE LIFE CLEARLY, AND IN THY SERVICE FIND PERFECT
 FREEDOM. FOR THY MERCY'S SAKE. AMEN."

*KYRIE (CHOIR, CONGREGATION AND PASTOR)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON - CHORAL AMEN

*PRAISE

*PASTOR: O LORD OPEN OUR LIPS.

*PEOPLE: AND OUR MOUTH SHALL SHOW FORTH THY PRAISE

*DOXOLOGY No. 551

SCRIPTURE: PSALM 55: 1-8 MARK 8: 34-38

HYMN OF THE MONTH 122 "O MORNING STAR, HOW FAIR AND BRIGHT"

*AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH -(APOSTLES' CREED)

*GLORIA PATRI

*CALL TO PRAYER

*PASTOR: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

*PEOPLE: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.

*PASTOR: LET US PRAY

*PRAYER AND PRAYER RESPONSE

OFFERTORY

"THE GREEN CATHEDRAL"

HAHN

*ACOLYTE PRESENTATIONS

ANTHEM: "ONLY A WHISPERING PRAYER" WOMEN'S CHORUS

SERMON: "ALIAS SMITH!"

*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 271 "O JESUS, THOU ART

*BENEDICTION AND THREE FOLD AMEN STANDING"

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "POSTLUDE IN G" WETHERILL

----- *CONGREGATION STANDING -----

THE LOVELY FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN PLACED BY
 MRS. EMMA HEGINBOTHAM IN MEMORY OF HER "HUSBAND" -
 GILBERT HEGINBOTHAM.

SERVING AS USHERS TODAY ARE: ROBBIE VINROE, ROBERT
 DELLEN, BRIAN PRABE AND STEVE SMITH.

DEACON AND MRS. EARL WOGAN WILL REPRESENT COUNCIL
 AT THE DOOR TODAY.

THE ATTENDANCE FOR LAST SUNDAY WAS 458.

NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED TODAY BY MRS. JUDY SNYDER,
 MRS. LINDA CURTIS AND SHERRY MCCLIMANS.

MONDAY - 7:00 - WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP BOARD MEETING
 AT THE CHURCH.

TONIGHT - 6:30-7:00 - YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE.

THURS. - 7:00 - BIBLE STUDY GROUP.

COMING - FEB. 14 SWEETHEART DINNER DANCE (SATURDAY)
 CHARLES PENABE AND DAVID McMILLINS IN CHARGE.

NEXT WEEK - JAN. 25 - 5:30 P.M. - THE CONGREGATIONAL
 DINNER AND MEETING. YEARBOOKS WILL BE GIVEN OUT AT
 THIS TIME. BRING YOUR OWN TABLE SERVICE, AND LARGE
 TUREEN FOR EVERY TWO PEOPLE. BEVERAGE, DESSERT
 WILL BE FURNISHED BY THE COMMITTEE. DON'T LET THE
 WEATHER STOP YOU.

HOSPITALIZED: MRS. EMMA HEGINBOTHAM, MRS. NORA
 THOMPSON.

OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF
 OF MR. RALPH KILLEAN WHO PASSED AWAY THIS WEEK.

FOLLOWING THE CONGREGATIONAL DINNER NEXT SUNDAY
 THE YOUTH WILL MEET FOR THEIR FIRST FELLOWSHIP
 MEETING - GRADES 7-12. THE NEW YOUTH DIRECTOR -
 WILLIAM OHL WILL MEET WITH THE YOUTH.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR ARE OPEN FOR FEB. 22 AND MARCH
 7TH. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE EITHER OF THESE
 SUNDAYS - LEAVE BEA TAIT KNOW IN THE OFFICE.

DON'T FORGET WE NOW HAVE A NEW CLASS THAT STARTED
 LAST SUNDAY FROM THE AGES 18 TO 30. ANYONE WHO
 WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A PART OF THIS CLASS, - IT MEETS
 IN THE UNDERCROFT. ROB SYBERT IS THE TEACHER FOR
 THIS CLASS. WITH THE BAD WEATHER LAST WEEK, IT IS
 JUST GETTING STARTED.

'Alias Smith!'

Text: Sam 5:35-37,

He said to them, I have not a new teaching to give you, but what you have heard and seen me do, and the Father who sent me, he has done the same things.

Scripture: sam 5:1-8, Mark 3:34-38

Origin of ALIAS, Gen 4:12, peop work metals, & shape.
heav form instruments=MIM, silversmith, tin, black

Subal-cain 1st person legit called ALIAS.
ALIAS avoid last name: Jn Blacksmith-Jn MIM

please excuse use name MIM, example of use LINK
but evolve own name & those want remain anon=MIM

ALIAS alias MIM, sometimes ALIAS, but hid 2nd name
lose ident, good examp IV Alias Smith & Jones,

1 of actors lost ident 2 extent he shot self
Liv 2day world conflic live peon,ea conflic rel 2 ID

peop search find out WHO they & seek tru ident
Sum seek 2 lose ident & this group I speak this AM

perhap sum us in this group,perhap sum us no aware
Script 1st old & fam 1 & may do fam it lost mean 4uc

(Illus Henry Thoreau & M)
Jn & M & 1st strong words 2day

All around & peop sell livs & wat ever basic int lif
hos concern health-hypocondriac,int & arce miser,

prop land=greedy landown,appear & looks=cos & face
lives,busy treats,

ea thez peon concern los ident=ALIAS MIM
But wat is 1 ent? Jn=soul, 2 Jew it soul & soul lif

1st unique smthin set us indiv & if lose ident
w actual 4feit our lif or soul as Js say

2 los 1's ident is 2 seek 1's own way,
it is try & do things apart from G, it like

(Mark 5:5, read), 2 seek escape at bot of this
we may escap sum probs,but cannot escap G,

" try do things our way,but G has way ultimately
(Illus boy want cul & G in church & not jail)

our way very often not in agree with G plan
M 5:36,read, complac,neglec,procrastin,loss ident,

do it my way,thez caus peon 4feit livs,
peop no so tell. Youz want 2, Youz red Js Xp,

Usual red temp thing,inten sum part & mind later
(But GMS & us in. arghouse & time? from over)

It not educ,cultur,areed,or bakground,that cul heart
It still basic=man must hav own way regard educ et

He still want rep from G & do own thing

'Alias Smith!'

Text: Sam 5:35-37

Script: " 5:34-38

xpl orig MIM Gen. 4:12

want escape ident & Alias Smith

peon search for MIM? & this ident

perhap sum here seek ident

Script familiar & may lost meaning

(Illus Henry Thoreau & M)

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55-37=stro & words 2day

peop & interest life=health,property
money,looks,etc.

Ident is soul,Jews soul-lif,vs 36

55:16=want 2 escape & may do partis

Can no escape G & He hav way ultimat

(Illus Rob cum 2 B own way)

Our way oft no agree G way or plan

vs 36

it complac,procras,loss ident & thez
cause peop 4feit livs & go Hell

& it rej Js Xp,& usual want do my
way later

(Boy Harvard & good bakground steal)

No educ,cultur,enviro,breed,bakgr,

It still hart of man & want separ

from G & do own thing, it still SIN

Js formula 4 c'ercum hum trait=35b

Lose ident in Him,kingd,serv

He say I, Js Xp take preced, then U

find self, & your life

Livs shud & rule wat G want Me do?

Not, wat I shud do?

Must Rem ident Jx Xp all aspect liv

& then find real self & Idents

If lif so order no need Alias Smith

or Jones 2 remain anonymous

If refuse ord livs must face unanswer

quest Js = vs 37

and this name whatever we can call it= JH, JH

but JS gave Amala 4 overcom him trait

He said, (latter part vs 35),

He was speak for ident in JH, His Kingd, did serv

He say if I, JS, do t preced all JH lif, I find self

Our liv shud I rule & govern JH & HAV IN SO SA JHU

not will. End I do JH,

we must Beun idented with Xp all aspecs our live,

& only then we find our real Idents

If live so ordered, ther no need ALIAS JH, or

ALIAS JH, 2 remain anonymous.

Just remem if refuse order live must face unanswer

quest put 2 us by JS in script wen say,

(Read JH 37)

"Alias Smith!"

Text: Matthew 16:25,26,

MARR 34.

"For whomever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life?"

In Genesis 4:22 we read, "Zillah bore Tubal-cain; he was the forger of all instruments of bronze and iron." Now what this means is that Tubal-cain, was the first person to be legitimately called "Smith." We can see from this that people who worked with metals and heated, shaped and formed them into instruments were called Smith. Hence, Blacksmith, Silversmith, Tinsmith and so on.

Like all such derivations the ~~SM~~ ^{SMITH} simply became a ~~last~~ ^{LAST} name. Instead of someone referring to John the Silversmith, he simply became John Smith. What has happened further, has been that people wishing to remain anonymous for various reasons, usually illegal, assume the alias of Smith. Sometimes they use Jones, but Smith is the preferable one. ~~There was a TV program~~ ~~about this~~ ~~program~~ ~~about this~~ ~~program~~ Thus we see that the name serves the purpose for some people, to lose their identity. They can hide behind the name and to their way of thinking are not identifiable. There was a western TV program of recent vintage called appropriately enough, "Alias Smith and Jones." It lasted until one of the characters in the show completely lost his identity and shot and killed himself.

a world
We are living in ~~image~~ that has two conflicts raging in the lives of its people. Each conflict is related to identity. There are those who are seeking to find out who they are. They are searching for their true identity. Then there are those who are seeking to lose their identity. It is this group or class that I wish to speak ^{about} this morning. Perhaps some of us are in this group. Perhaps some of us are in it and are not even aware that we belong to this group.

The scripture for this morning is an old and familiar one. Perhaps it is so familiar that we pay no attention to its meaning for our

lives. Henry Thoreau said of the New Testament:

"most people favored it outwardly, defended it with bigotry - and hardly ever read it."

From his work entitled, "A Week On The Concord and Merrimack Rivers," we read; about the New Testament:

"There are indeed, severe things in it which no man should ^{read} ~~repeat~~ aloud more than once: "For what ~~shall it profit~~ is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" Think of this Yankees! Think of repeating these things to a New England audience! Who, without cant, can read them aloud? Who without cant, can hear them? They never were read. They never were heard."

The old English word of cant, means hypocrisy, or insincerity. So he is asking, "Who without hypocrisy, can read them aloud? Or who, without hypocrisy, can hear them?"

The words of Jesus, "For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life?", are still very strong words today. We see people all around us selling their very lives for whatever is their basic interest in life. For those who are concerned with being healthy and having health, many of them become hypochondriacs. For those concerned with gaining interest on their money, ~~they~~ many of them become misers. For those who are concerned with buying up all available property, many of them become greedy landowners. For those concerned with their appearance and looks, many of them spend small fortunes on cosmetics, face lifts, and beauty treatments. Each of these people is concerned with losing their identity.

But when we speak of identity, what is it we are saying? ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ The King James Version calls it soul. The Revised Standard Version refers to it as life. But either one, life or soul, it is the same. The Jewish people looked upon the soul as the life of a person. So the term is interchangeable. But identity is that certain something that makes each of us unique from each other. It is the spark that makes us individuals. So if we seek to lose our identity, we are actually forfeiting our life or soul as Jesus said.

To lose one's identity is to seek one's own way. It is trying to do things apart from God. It is like the words of David in Psalm 55, "O that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest;" To seek escape is what is at the bottom of all this. We may escape some of our problems and troubles, but we cannot escape God. We may try to do things our way, but God has ~~ax~~ His own way ultimately. (Illustration of boy wanting to accept Christ, but in church and not jail).

Here is a good case of someone wanting to do things his way, ~~but the fact is it does not always work out as planned. He cannot determine each and every moment and be assured that everything will turn out as he wants it to.~~

but his plans did not come to pass. "For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life?" Complacency, neglect, procrastination, loss of identity, doing things my way, these are the things that cause people to forfeit their lives. People do not go to hell, because they want to, they go because they reject Jesus Christ. As a rule the rejection of Jesus is to be only a temporary thing. They intend to become a part of His kingdom at a later date, and there is no sense of urgency.

But have you or I adopted an alias in our lives, so we can lose our identity? Have we lost our identity with God, simply because we want to do what we want to do, when we want to do it?

The late Dr. Donald Barnhouse told of a young man who stole Government checks from mailboxes. When ^{HE} the young man was finally caught it was discovered that he was the son of a high official in Harvard University. The judge who imposed sentence said that he could not understand why a young man of such background and intelligence could stoop to such a crime.

But you see it isn't education, or culture, or background that rules the heart of man. It is still the basic thing that man must have his own way, regardless of how much intelligence, or breeding, or

education he may have. He still wants to separate himself from God, and to his own thing. *AND THIS SEPARATION WHATEVER YOU CARE TO CALL IT IS SIN.*

But Jesus gave man the formula for overcoming this human trait. He said, that if you will lose your life for my sake you will rfind it. He was not literally talking of doing away with your life. He was talking of losing your identity in Him, in His kingdom, in His service. He was saying that when you come to the point where ^{JESUS CHRIST} I take precedence over all of your life, you are going to find yourself. Our lives should always be ruled and governed by "What would God have me do in this situation," instead of "What must I do now," We must become identified with Christ in all aspects of our lives, and only then will we find our lives, and our real identities.

If we so order our lives, there is no need for an Alias Smith or Jones for us, to remain anonymous. But if we refuse to order our lives in this way, then we must face the unanswerable question put to us by Jesus in this same scripture when he said, "Or what shall a man give in return for his life?"

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY JANUARY 25, 1976
REV. RALPH C. LINK, PASTOR
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ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE MUSIC: "A TUNE FOR A TRUMPET" MARTIN
"SANCTUS" GOUNOD

PLEASE REMAIN SILENT DURING ORGAN CHIMES

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 63 "OUR GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST"

*ASCRIPTION - CHORAL AMEN

*EXHORTATION

*CONFESSION (IN UNISON) "MOST HOLY GOD, WHO DOES SEARCH
AND PURIFY THE HEARTS OF MEN; GRANT US TO KNOW OURSELVES
AS WE TRULY ARE; OPEN TO US THE CONDITION OF OUR SOULS;
GIVE US PENITENCE AND FORGIVENESS FOR OUR SINS; ENABLE
US WITH STEADFAST RESOLUTION TO AMEND OUR LIVES; DELIVER
US FROM CAPTIVITY TO FALSE THOUGHTS AND EVIL HABITS,
THAT WITH UNITY OF MIND AND PEACE OF CONSCIENCE WE MAY
HAVE OUR FULL RECONCILIATION WITH YOU, AND BE OF THE
BLESSED COMPANY OF ALL YOUR FAITHFUL PEOPLE; THROUGH
JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN."

*KYRIE (CHOIR, CONGREGATION AND PASTOR)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON - CHORAL AMEN

*PRAISE

*PASTOR: 10 LORD OPEN OUR LIPS.

*PEOPLE: AND OUR MOUTH SHALL SHOW FORTH THY PRAISE

*DOXOLOGY No. 55!

SCRIPTURE: 2 KINGS 12: 1-16

HYMN OF THE MONTH 122 "O MORNING STAR, HOW FAIR AND BRIGHT"

*AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)

*GLORIA PATRI

*CALL TO PRAYER

*PASTOR: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

*PEOPLE: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.

*PASTOR: LET US PRAY

*PRAYER AND PRAYER RESPONSE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "ELEGIE"

MASSENET

DEDICATION OF NEW YOUTH CHOIR ROBES

INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS AND TEACHERS

ANTHEM: "DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE" YOUTH CHOIR

SERMON: "THE KING WHO FOLLOWED!"

*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 292 "ONWARD, CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS"

*BENEDICTION AND THREE FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "CHORALE" ARR. WILSON

----- "CONGREGATION STANDING" -----

THE LOVELY FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN PLACED BY
MR. & MRS. ROBERT SYBERT AND JENNIFER IN HONOR OF
THE 33RD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF MR. & MRS. RALPH
COOPER - CYNTHIE'S MOTHER AND DAD.

SERVING AS USHERS TODAY ARE: *RICHARD MANGEL, DARYL
TAIT, JOHN DREHER, AND GARY PENAR.

DEACON AND MRS. WILLIAM PFLUGH WILL REPRESENT COUNCIL
AT THE DOOR TODAY.

NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED TODAY BY: VIRGINIA MANGEL,
BARB VARGO AND JODIE MARTE.

HOSPITALIZED: MR. WILLIAM WINTERS - ICU; MRS. NORA
THOMPSON, MRS. EMMA HEGINBOTHAM, MRS. MARY LOU
McCLIMANS, MRS. CAROL NOEL, MRS. DOTOWICKI

TONIGHT - 5:30 - CONGREGATIONAL DINNER AND MEETING.
DON KENNEDY WILL BE MC. YEARBOOKS WILL BE GIVEN OUT.
THE ARC CLASS WILL SET UP TABLES AFTER THE SERVICE
THIS MORNING. BRING TABLE SERVICE, LARGE TURKEY FOR
EACH TWO PERSONS. DESSERT AND BEVERAGE WILL BE
PROVIDED. THERE WILL BE A LOT OF SURPRISES SO DON'T
LET THE WEATHER STOP YOU.

TONIGHT - YOUTH FELLOWSHIP - RIGHT AFTER THE CONGREGATIONAL
DINNER - THEY WILL MEET IN ANOTHER PART OF
THE CHURCH, WITH WILLIAM OHL, GRADES 7-12.

WED. - 7:30 - GOLDEN CIRCLE - BIBLE STUDY WITH REV.
LINK.

THURS. - 7:00 - BIBLE STUDY

MRS. RALPH KILLEAN WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THOSE THAT
SENT CARDS, OFFERED PRAYER, AND FOR ALL THOSE WHO
HELPED IN ANY WAY WITH THE DINNER FOR THE FAMILY.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE AUDITORS - KENNETH WEITZEL,
KATHRYNE BANCROFT, AND DONALD ZEIGLER FOR GIVING OF
THEIR TIME TO AUDIT THE BOOKS.

COMING - FEB. 14 - SWEETHEART DINNER DANCE (SATURDAY)

TICKETS ARE ON SALE TODAY. DINNER WILL BE AT
SAXONBURG FIRE HALL UPSTAIRS. THE CHARLES PENARS
AND DAVID McMILLIN WILL BE IN CHARGE OF THIS DOINGS.

Welcome Visitors:

VOLUNTEERS FOR BLOG PLANNING JOHN H.

"The King who followed!"
 text: 2 Kings 12:2
 Joash good king=8 King Jud, explain name
 mean "Jehovah has given"
 Explain format Kings & Chronicles
 Good king Beuz:
 1 Leadership= Exegete Scripture
 Dr. Robertson, "Everything rises and
 falls on leadership"
 Joash this, & tru govt, skuls, ch etc.
 2 Discipline=Joash this (Read TEXT)
 Bicent yr & learn leaders=they Disci
 Nation decline=leads no stand disci
 courts decline=no punish guilt, "
 fams decline=no parents & disciplin
 Ch decline=no discip, want Soc Gosp
 insted Gosp Js Xp & punish sin
 Want good govt=Discipline
 " " skuls, fam, & prog gro ch's
 Must follo ware Xp lead us,
 " discip selvs read Word, pray, & Xpia
 Follow leader=Js Xp, He follo yet KING
Read TEXT=this fit epit 4 any?
 (Illus Bread Lady)
 Jus plain person luv felloman
 G look 4 peop 2 tak stand 4 Him, in
 all walk lif, but also personal lif
 leop who 2 lead & discip livs 4 Him
 Men, women, child, etc
 1 person influ other=Jehoi examp
 But must lern lik Joash 2 lead, we
 must follo
 It tak both 2 serv G
 May we 3 able 2 do same

"The King Who Followed!"

Text: 2 Kings 12:2,

And Jehoash did that which was right in the sight of the Lord all his days, in which Jehoiada, the priest, instructed him.

Scripture: 2 Kings 12:1-16

(Illustration of obedience or leadership if available).

Today in our Scripture we read of the wonderful works of a King named Joash. He is identified in the KJV, and the RSV as Jehoash, which meant "Jehovah has given." He was the 8th king of Judah.

The author of the book of Kings used a format to tell of the kings and their respective reigns. We read in the 1st verse of this Scripture, "In the 7th year of Jehu," The Jehu named is the king of Israel. Then it states that Jehoash, or Joash, began to reign at this point. Then ~~xxxx~~ the length of his reign is given. ^{Then} This means that he was the king of Judah and this is proven by the fact that he is identified as reigning in Jerusalem. Then the mother of the king is named. This further proves his genealogy, and helps to further identify him, because not too many women had the same names but it was common for men to have the same name. Thus to make no mistake about whom he was writing the author says that Joash was the son of Zibiah, of ~~xxxx~~ Beersheba, to make certain that those who read this, knew about whom they were reading.

Then follows a brief biography of the king. The author state whether this was a good king or a bad king. This is determined how he stacks up against Jeroboam (compare 13:1)

I. [^] Most of the kings of Israel were identified with doing evil because Jeroboam reigned in Israel, and the kings of Israel were identified with doing evil. Thus it is no surprise that many of the kings of Judah come out of this scrutiny in a favorable light, which perhaps many of them do not rightfully deserve. Now the author tells us that he did that which was right all his days. This is an exaggeration because in 2 Chronicles following the death of Jehoiada, we read of Joash being responsible for the death of Zechariah the son of Jehoiada. In the 3rd verse we read of Joash not removing the high places. The high places were altars raised up, which in themselves were not evil, but which were altars used for the worship of idols. They could also have been altars erected in some of the hill country, and the reigning king was unable to get them all

destroyed in his reign.

Now when we look at the reign of Joash we see several things. First, we see that he was a good king. By being a good king it does not mean he was just a likable fellow and got along well with politically with the people, but it means that he was able to overcome some of the evil that had surrounded the Southern Kingdom. Now in this chapter from which we read we see that he ~~was~~ had decreed that the money brought into the Temple whether by the Temple tax, or by freewill offerings, was to be used for the repair of the Temple. But after 23 years of his reign it was not taken care of. The blame is placed upon the priests, for it states in verse 6, "the priests had not repaired the breaches of the house." So Joash checked into this matter and he decreed that the priests were no longer permitted to collect the money. It is at this point that Jehoiada the chief priest in the Temple, stepped forth and assumed the role of the man of God. He took a large chest and placed it beside the altar where the people entered the Temple. The people would give the money to the priests and then watch them drop the money into the slot drilled into the lid of the chest. No more were the priests able to slip this money into their pockets and keep it for themselves. When the chest was full, Joash would send the chief priest along with the king's secretary to empty the chest. They would put the money in bags, after they had counted it, and then they would pay the men who were doing the work of the restoration of the walls of the Temple. This money was not used to repair or replace the other articles needed for the Temple rites and sacrifices, but all of it went to pay for the repair of the building.

The second point about Joash being a good king was the fact that he was instructed by Jehoiada the Chief Priest. We must remember that Joash was 7 years old when he began to reign and it was indeed fortunate that a strong man of God was around to help and instruct him. Jehoiada stood out like the proverbial sore thumb. Here was a man who was dedicated to serving the Lord, and he really took his job seriously. The people of God had gone through some horrible times with Jehoram, Ahaziah, and Athaliah. The spiritual condition of the people had deteriorated. But Jehoiada was able to bring about a change

through the example of himself and also upon the instructions~~af~~ he gave to the
your king. He was certainly a stabilizing influence upon the people.

But there is yet a third point that made Joash a good king and this was leadership. Joash was not only a good leader, but he was also led by a good man, and it takes both to have things work in their proper perspective. Dr. Robertson a Christian minister has said, "Everything rises and falls on leadership." This is true of government, of schools, and in all walks of life. It is even true in the church.

This year we are hearing and will be hearing all sorts of things about the Biv-
centennial. But before you begin tuning out and thinking this is what I want to
speak of this morning, let me say this in just commenting upon this ~~cde~~ celebration. When we think of the anniversary of our nation and its observances all of this
year, we cannot help but think of those who were our leaders. Those who gave of
their time and talents and efforts to make our country what it is today. We
have come to know that leadership entails a grave responsibility and is not to
be placed upon the shoulders of those who are ill equipped physically or mentally
to bear the burden it evokes. No nation can rise above its leaders, anymore than
a church can rise above its pastors or leaders.

But when a church or denomination refuses to show leadership, it cannot survive
and must fall by the wayside. We have seen this happen in recent years in most
of the mainline denominations in our nation. We have seen our nation decline in
stature throughout the world because of the unwillingness of our leaders to take
the stand we formerly proudly took in the world. Our courts are unwilling to
punish those who are guilty of crimes and so we see the decline and fall of
justice and the spread of crime and anarchy, making our towns and cities un-
safe.

We see our family structure breaking up and our children going off in all direct-
ion because parents are unwilling to lead. Our churches want to preach the
social Gospel, and equality of all sorts of immoral strads instead of the Gospel
of Jesus Christ, and the punishment of sin by almighty God. And so we see the
decline of much of the Christian church because of its refusal to stand firm

for the things of God against the creeping secularism in the church. Leadership and discipline are linked very closely together, and if we want leadership in any area whether it be government or society or the church, we must have discipline. Thus if we want good government, we must accept discipline. If we want good schools, we must accept a certain discipline, for the teachers as well as the students. If we want growing and progressive churches, we must accept the discipline of worship, as well as the discipline of following where Christ leads us. We must discipline ourselves to read the Word of God regularly, pray daily and often, and use any other discipline that will make us a better church member, but mostly a better Christian wherever we are. It simply becomes a case of follow the leader. Our leader of course, and our example is Jesus Christ. ~~xxx~~ He was a King in His own right. But yet He was willing to follow obediently what God wanted Him to do. This was the example of leadership He showed to us, along with the example of a perfect discipline to do that which He was led to do in obedience to His Father.

Can you think of a more fitting epitaph to add to anyone's life than that one sentence written about Joash? "And Joash did that which was right in the sight of the Lord all his days, because Jehoiada the priest instructed him." Would that each of us were to do right all our days, because Jesus Christ, our priest instructed us.

(Illustration of Margaret Gaffney the Bread Lady.)

Here is a very heart warming story of a person who was a concerned individual. But more than that, she showed leadership on a level that you and I can understand. She was not of royalty, or a president, but a down to earth person who expressed leadership by loving her fellow man.

God is looking for people today who will take a stand. People who will assume leadership in our world, in our nation, and in our churches. Men and women mothers and fathers, wives, husbands, children, anyone, who will take a stand for the Lord, and for the Word of God. One person with Christian convictions can have a great influence on his or her immediate surroundings. Jehoiada was that man in the life of Joash. Joash was that man who not only led, but who was able to follow as well. Are any of us willing to follow the King who led and

who also followed. If we are, Jesus Christ awaits our seeking to do so ~~thru~~
in and through His name.

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ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA
 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY FEBRUARY 1, 1976
 REV. RALPH C. LINK, PASTOR
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ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.
 PRELUDE MUSIC: "ARIETTA" SOUTHBRIDGE
 "BERCEUSE" GODARD

PLEASE REMAIN SILENT DURING ORGAN CHIMES
 *PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 50 "STILL, STILL WITH THEE"
 *ACRISPION - CHORAL AMEN
 *EXHORTATION
 *CONFESSION (IN UNISON) "O LORD JESUS CHRIST, WHO ART THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE, WE PRAY THEE SUFFER US NOT TO STRAY FROM THEE, WHO ART THE WAY, NOR TO DISTRUST THEE, WHO ART THE TRUTH, NOR TO REST IN ANY OTHER THING THAN THEE, WHO ART THE LIFE. TEACH US BY THY HOLY SPIRIT WHAT TO BELIEVE, WHAT TO DO, AND WHEREIN TO TAKE OUR REST. FOR THINE OWN NAME'S SAKE WE ASK IT. AMEN."
 *KYRIE (CHOIR, CONGREGATION AND PASTOR)
 *ASSURANCE OF PARDON - CHORAL AMEN
 *PRAISE
 *PASTOR: "O LORD OPEN OUR LIPS.
 *PEOPLE: AND OUR MOUTH SHALL SHOW FORTH THY PRAISE
 *DOXOLOGY No. 51
 SCRIPTURE: GENESIS 29: 1-20
 HYMN OF THE MONTH No. 264 "WE KNOW THE PATHS WHEREIN OUR FEET SHOULD PRESS"
 *AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)
 *GLORIA PATRI
 *CALL TO PRAYER
 *PASTOR: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.
 *PEOPLE: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.
 *PASTOR: LET US PRAY
 *PRAYER AND PRAYER RESPONSE
 OFFERING
 OFFERTORY "SANCTUARY ECHOES" BAYLOR

ANTHEM: "OUR SHEPHERD WILL SUPPLY MY NEED" THOMPSON
 SERMON: "THE ART OF PATIENCE"
 *HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 225 "DEAR LORD AND FATHER"
 *BENEDICTION AND THREE FOLD AMEN
 ORGAN POSTLUDE: "PRAISE" MARTIN
 *CONGREGATION STANDING
 THE LOVELY FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN PLACED BY MR. & MRS. EDWARD WEICHEY IN MEMORY OF THEIR "PARENTS" - MR. & MRS. FLOYD MILLER AND MR. & MRS. STANLEY WEICHEY.
 SERVING AS USHERS TODAY ARE: *ALLEN BOTACCHI, JOHN REDMAN, DAN BOSKO, ROBERT KNAUER AND CHARLES PENAR.
 DEACON AND MRS. JOHN REDMAN WILL REPRESENT COUNCIL AT THE DOOR TODAY.
 NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED TODAY BY: JUDY MASSART, ISABEL HOCKENBERRY, AND SHELLEY HOCKENBERRY.
 THE ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY WAS 209.
 HOSPITALIZED: MRS. DESSIE DOUGAN, MRS. MARY JANE WEIBENSTEIN, MRS. MARY LOU MCDONALD, MRS. NORA THOMPSON, MRS. MARTHA DEREWICKI, MS. CAROL NOEL.
 TONIGHT - 6:30-7:00 - YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE
 TONIGHT - 7:00-9:00 - YOUTH MEETING - EVERY SUNDAY EVENING THE YOUTH WILL MEET.
 MONDAY - 7:30 - WOMEN'S MARY PRUGH CIRCLE MEETING.
 WED. - 7:30 - CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
 THE NEWSLETTER WILL BE PUBLISHED ON THURSDAY - PLEASE HAVE ALL THE MATERIAL IN BY WEDNESDAY.
 THURS. - 7:00 - BIBLE STUDY (EVERY WEEK IN THE UNDER-CROFT).
 COMING - FEB. 14TH - A ANNUAL SWEETHEART DINNER AND DANCE WILL BE HELD AT THE SAXONBURG FIRE HALL (UPSTAIRS) ANYONE INTEREST IN ATTENDING - CONTACT CHARLES PENAR'S OR DAVID MCMILLIN'S. TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW SO AS THEY WILL KNOW HOW MANY TO COUNT ON.
 A CORRECTION PAGE HAS BEEN MADE FOR YOUR YEAR BOOK, ONLY IF YOU PICKED YOURS UP ON SUNDAY AT THE CONGREGATIONAL DINNER. ALL THE OTHER BOOKS HAVE THE NEW PAGE IN THEM AND THEY CAN BE PICKED UP TODAY IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. THE USHERS WILL ASSIST YOU IN PICKING YOURS UP.
 A NEWS SHEET WILL BE PASSED OUT TODAY FROM THE PENN WEST CONFERENCE - THE USHERS WILL PASS THESE OUT.
 Welcome Visitors: Jeth & Loretta Shipley, Father
 thank for flowers.
 ACQUETE PRACTICE AFTER CHURCH: 10725 8 UP.

TRINITY CHARGE--THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Ralph C. Link, Pastor
 Trinity Church, New Bloomfield 9:00 A.M.
 Christ Church, Duncannon 10:30 A.M.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP November 5, 1972

The Organ Prelude
 *The Hymn of Praise 45
 *The Call to Worship
 *The Prayer of Confession (Unison)
 Merciful God, we confess to you now that we have sinned. We confess the sins that no one knows, and the sins that everyone knows: the sins that are a burden to us, and the sins that do not bother us. We have not forgiven one another as we have been forgiven. We have not given ourselves to the world in loving service, but have only served ourselves. Father, forgive us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
 *The Kyrie
 *The Assurance of Pardon
 The Scripture---Genesis 29:1-20
 *The Gloria Patri
 The Anthem (Trinity)
 The Pastoral Prayer
 The Announcements
 The Receiving Of Tithes and Offerings
 *The Doxology
 *The Offering Prayer and Lord's Prayer
 Sacrament of Baptism
 The Hymn of Meditation 191
 The Sermon---"Why Doesn't The Light Turn Green?"
 The Sermon Prayer
 *The Hymn of Response 226
 *The Benediction
 *The Threefold Amen
 *The Postlude

*Congregation Stands

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible study on Wed. at the church in Duncannon at 7:30 PM. We will be studying "Faith--What It Is Not And What It Is."

Confirmation Class will begin on Saturday Nov. 11th at 10:00 AM.

TRINITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we join with Mr. & Mrs. William Turner in their joy as they present their daughter, Melissa Lee Turner for baptism.

The flowers on the altar are placed in loving memory of Mrs. Verna Magee by the children.

All those who contributed food, service, personal presence or anything else, are to be thanked for making the Halloween Party & dinner a huge success.

Church Women United are meeting at Trinity United Methodist Church on Monday Nov. 6th at 7:30 PM to make pads which are urgently needed in Perry County.

CHRIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

A committee is being formed to formulate plans for the renewal of the church. Two (2) volunteers are needed from the congregation. If you would like to serve, please see the Pastor.

The Library will open on Sunday Nov. 12th. Anyone desiring books may get them before Church School.

Consistory Meeting Monday Nov. 6th at 7:30 PM.

"The Art Of Patience"

Text: Gen. 29:20

AND JACOB SERVED SEVEN YEARS FOR RACHEL; AND THEY
SHE'D UNTO HIM BUT A FEW DAYS, FOR THE LOVE HE HAD
FOR HER.

Scripture: Genesis 29:1-20

Story of children W.Va. & seeds, girl & candy

Us & traffic, lite turn green, waiting in store, on
bus, on peop etc

Illus lady aspirin commercial, "I will not blow up"

Bib relief 4 Excedrin headache 110

(Exegete scrip: Jac left hom 2 go 2 Lab & selec wife
cum 2 well, 3 flock sheep, ask bout Lab & they know,
beutiful girl shep cum 2 well, doter Lab. He nite
shin arm, remov cover well, & water Rachel flock. Then
tell he her cousin & kiss, & go hom with 2 Lab.
Agree work 4 Lab 7yrs 4 Rach. Aft 7 Lab trik giv Leah
Jac confront Lab & he tell custom giv old 1st 4 wife
Jac agree work 7 mor 4 Rach & we told, TEXT.

If need examp pacienc this 1. How many mod yung men
will work 7yrs for fut father law 4 dotter?

(Illus 19yr girl & no will wait 2 marry, B old maid)

(story boy & piano lessons)

Isn't this way we want it? We R so impatient

(Story woman in England admiring green lawns)

But this is way we R. Want it dun yester, complet,
finished & by impatientce Bcum frustrat & out sorts
Isalmist tell us "Wait patiently 4 Lord".

We say "Patience of Job"

t with all examps & illus we still caught whirle
Wind get dun & sooner better.

Complain bout cars, applianc slap 2gether, & this
Bcum our way of life

(Illus Temple Hall in London) & surprise supt wen saw

If we giv end say, Lv me alon cant see I busy,

If we receiv end say, why lite no turn green etc.

It all matter where we stand.

Many story patience, but this good examp,

(Illus Scotch brotherw & praying mother)

Wer not 4 luv pacienc mother no giv up, world no know
Dr. Morrison, nor brother who also influ

Time, Time, Time, if only had time, pop song say.

But do hav time, hav all hrs, days, G bless us with

It not matter how much time, but how wise or fool

we spend it. Insted get up tite traff lites, etc,

sh. look each event as oppor 4 G work in us. Insted
lash out with impatienc, ask wat G want me do now?

Beutiful read TEXT, wudn't it be beutiful if U & I cud
look bak over cert yrs & feel just few day cuz luv G

"Why Doesn't the Light Turn Green?"

Text: Genesis 24:20 "So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her."

I heard recently of a pilot project that has been started in some West Virginia schools to teach young children to be more scientific in their schooling. What is happening is that instead of the teacher explaining how certain things take place, the children are given kits containing seeds and bulbs and then are asked to watch the results that take place from day to day and to record these results on paper. One little girl was given some bean seeds and these she dutifully planted as per instructions. However she dug them up in a few days because they were not doing anything as far as she could tell. One had also planted a piece of candy beside the seeds and it hadn't done anything either.

This example is indicative of the times in which we live. It shows that even the very young are afflicted with the new impatience. "Why doesn't the light turn green?" "When do I get a chance to be waited on?" "Why must I keep waiting and waiting ~~xxxxxx~~ as though I had nothing else to do?" "When will that bus ever come?" We hear these remarks every day. Perhaps some of us are on the remarking end of ~~some of~~ them. How many times do we find ourselves getting out of sorts, and being impatient with our loved ones, and becoming just plain irritable with those around us? Many times we are like the lady in the aspirin commercial, who counsels herself into not getting irritable and reasoning that it is time for a certain brand of aspirin to take away the irritability.

What did people do before there were aspirin and headache powders? Well, if we read some of the stories in the bible we learn that there was a relief for what we might call, "Excedrin headache number 110." We read one of these stories or a portion of it this

morning. Jacob left his father's home and traveled to the home of his uncle Laban to select a wife. While on the way he comes to a well, ~~and there he sees~~ ^{and} three flocks of sheep ~~are~~ ^{pasturing} lying in the field surrounding the well. He ~~asks~~ ^{inquires} the shepherds about Laban and they tell him they know him, and while they are yet speaking along comes a beautiful young lady shepherdess who just happens to be the daughter of Laban. So naturally Jacob becomes the knight in shining armor and removes the cover from the well and waters the flock of Rachel. Then he kisses her and tells her he is a nephew of her father's. So after meeting Laban and staying at his home for a month, he agrees to work for Laban 7 years in exchange for the hand of Rachel in marriage. But after 7 years Laban tricks Jacob and gives him the oldest daughter Leah instead of Rachel on the night of the wedding feast.

When Jacob confronts Laban with this bit of trickery, Laban explains that it is not customary to give the youngest daughter away, before the oldest. Laban tells him that he may have the hand of Rachel if he will work for him for yet another 7 years. And Jacob ~~works for him another 7 years and receives her as his wife~~ agrees to work another 7 years for Laban and so he gets Rachel as his wife also. We are told, "So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her."

If we need to look at an example of ~~extreme~~ ^{patience} patience, here is one for the record. Can you picture a young man today willing to work for his future father-in-law for 7 years in order to marry the daughter? A certain minister tells of a 19 year old girl who comes to him to plan her wedding. After he talked to her for a short time he suggested that perhaps ~~it~~ ^{it} would be wiser if they waited ~~for~~ a few years until her fiance had completed his schooling and had his degree. She looked at him quizzically and said, "Two years? Why I'd be an old maid by then!"

Or how about the story of the young lad who was taking piano lessons and his mother insisted that he practice an hour each day. She bought a cheap little alarm clock and set it on the piano to keep time. A few days later she was watching him, and he said, "You know, this clock is wonderful mother. If I wind it up real tight, it'll make an hour in 52 minutes."

Isn't this the way we like it? We are so impatient in our lives. ~~xxxxxxeverythingxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Why can't people be as we are, and do as we do? A woman tourist was traveling among the ancient buildings in England, and she noticed the very green plush, velvety lawns surrounding these buildings. She happened to see a gardener and she said, "Oh tell me. I was just admiring the lawns. What is your secret? I'd like to try the same thing at home. How do you do it?" He said, "Well, madam, first of all, you have to begin 600 years ago." But we don't want it that way, do we? We want it yesterday, all done, completed, and by our sheer impatience we become all frustrated and out of sorts.

Yet the Psalmist tells us to wait patiently for the Lord. We are reminded of the suffering of Job and someone has coined the phrase, "Having the patience of Job." Paul admonished us to have patience in all things. And with all of these thoughts and examples, we are still caught up in the whirlwind of getting it done and the sooner the better. We complain about cars and appliances being slapped together hap-hazardly, but this has become our way of life.

(Illustration of Temple Hall in London)

Imagine the surprise of the superintendent when he saw the very phrase he had been quoting to the worker. But you see if we are on the giving end we shout leave me alone, Don't you see I'm busy? , and if we are on the receiving end we ask, "Why doesn't the light turn green?" It is all a matter of where we stand. ~~Time, time, if I only~~

Were it not for the love and patience of a mother who did not give up, the world might never have known the famous Dr. Morrison, nor would it have known the other brother who most certainly must have been an influence on many other lives as well.

Time, time, if I only had time is the lament of a popular song of several years ago. But we do have time. We have all of the hours and all of the days that God blesses us with. It is not a matter of how much time, but a matter of how wisely or how foolishly we spend it. Do we have the patience to accept life as it comes, and to work in it the best we can? I believe that we can, if we are willing to place the care and keeping of our lives in God's hands. Instead of getting up tight about stop lights and traffic jams and all of the other things that try our patience, we should begin to look at each event as an opportunity for God to work in us. Instead of crying, "Why doesn't the light turn green?", perhaps we should ask, "What do you want me to do now God?" ~~would it be so difficult~~ Isn't it beautiful to read, "So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her,"? Wouldn't it be beautiful if you and I could look back over a certain period of years and feel they were just a few days, because of the love we had for God?" Let's make that light turn green today.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA
 BOY SCOUT SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8, 1976
 THE REV. RALPH C. LINK, PASTOR
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 ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.
 PRELUDE MUSIC: "AT THE CHURCH" PIERNE
 "SON OF HOPE" WILSON

- PLEASE REMAIN SILENT DURING ORGAN CHIMES
 *PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 299 "LEAD ON, O KING ETERNAL!"
 *ASCRPTION - CHORAL AMEN
 *EXHORTATION
 *CONFESSION (IN UNISON) "O GOD OF PEACE, WHO THROUGH THY SON JESUS CHRIST DIDST SEND FORTH ONE FAITH FOR THE SALVATION OF MANKIND; SEND THY GRACE AND HEAVENLY BLESSING UPON ALL CHRISTIAN PEOPLE WHO ARE STRIVING TO DRAW NEARER TO THEE, AND TO EACH OTHER, IN THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT AND IN THE BOND OF PEACE. GIVE US PENITENCE FOR OUR DIVISIONS, WISDOM TO KNOW THY TRUTH, COURAGE TO DO THY WILL, LOVE THAT SHALL BREAK DOWN THE BARRIERS OF PRIDE AND PREJUDICE, AND AN ANSWERING LOYALTY TO THY HOLY NAME. SUFFER US NOT TO SHRINK FROM ANY ENDEAVOUR WHICH IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THY WILL, FOR THE PEACE AND UNITY OF THY CHURCH. GIVE US BOLDNESS TO SEEK ONLY THY GLORY AND THE ADVANCEMENT OF THY KINGDOM. UNITE US ALL IN THEE AS THOU, O FATHER, WITH THY SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ART ONE GOD, WORLD WITHOUT END. AMEN."
 *KYRIE (CHOIR, CONGREGATION AND PASTOR)
 *ASSURANCE OF PARDON - CHORAL AMEN
 *PRAISE
 *PASTOR: 10 LORD OPEN OUR LIPS.
 *PEOPLE: AND OUR MOUTH SHALL SHOW FORTH THY PRAISE
 *DOXOLOGY No. 551
 SCRIPTURE: 1 Kings 2: 1-12; LUKE 18: 15-17
 HYMN OF THE MONTH 264 "WE KNOW THE PATHS WHEREIN OUR FEET SHOULD PRESS"
 *AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)
 *GLORIA PATRI
 *CALL TO PRAYER
 *PASTOR: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

- *PEOPLE: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.
 *PASTOR: LET US PRAY
 *PRAYER AND PRAYER RESPONSE
 OFFERING
 OFFERTORY "FOREVER" SPINDLER
 THE BOY SCOUTS WILL REDEDICATE THEMSELVES TO THE SCOUT OATH AND LAW VINROE.
 GOD AND COUNTRY AWARDS-BRIAN PFABE, STEVE SMITH, ROB ANTHEM "MY COUNTRY 'TIS OF THEE" HEYSER
 SERMON: "THE ROYAL TOUCH"
 *HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 254 "JESUS, I LIVE TO THEE"
 *BENEDICTION AND THREE FOLD AMEN
 ORGAN POSTLUDE "MAGNIFY THE LORD" NORDMAN
 ----- *CONGREGATION STANDING -----
 THE LOVELY FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN PLACED BY THE NCHACH FAMILY TO THE "GLORY OF GOD".
 SERVING AS USHERS TODAY ARE: *WALLY FEDER, JOHN SNOW, MONT MACKINNEY, HERD SHEARER AND STEVE VARGO.
 DEACON AND MRS. CHARLES PENAR WILL REPRESENT COUNCIL AT THE DOOR TODAY.
 THE ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY WAS 184.
 NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED TODAY BY MRS. BONNIE VENSEL, MRS. JEAN FENCIL AND LORI SHEARER.
 *HOSPITALIZED: MS. CAROL NOEL, MRS. MARTHA DEREWICKI, HOME
 MRS. DESSIE DOUGAN, MRS. BETTY JAILLET - FULLY TODAY
 *TONIGHT - 7:00-9:00 - YOUTH FELLOWSHIP
 *SATURDAY - 7:00 - SWEETHEART DINNER DANCE AT SAXONBURG FIRE HALL. THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE TO GET YOUR TICKETS FROM THE CHARLES PENAR'S AND DAVID McMILLIN'S.
 SHIRLEY LINK WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS HER THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO ALL THOSE WHO SENT OR SHARED THEIR WORDS OF COMFORT FOLLOWING THE RECENT DEATH OF HER MOTHER.
 FEB. 22 IS OPEN FOR ALTAR FLOWERS - CONTACT BEA JAIT IN THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THIS SUNDAY.
 DON'T FORGET TO PICK UP YOUR YEARBOOKS IN THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY. IF YOU PICKED YOURS UP AT THE CONGREGATIONAL DINNER - PICK UP A CORRECTION SHEET ALSO ON THE TABLE IN THE SANCTUARY.
 *A LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD SUN. FEB. 22 FOR LEADERS OF THE CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL, WITH CARL BEYER. A LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED. YOU ARE EXPECTED TO BE THERE - IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE.

"The Royal Touch"

Text: 1 Kings 2:2b-3, & Luke 18:15

AND WHEN KING DAVID DIED, AND HE WAS THREE HUNDRED
AND THREE YEARS OF AGE, HE DIED IN HIS
BED, AND HE WAS BURIED IN HIS TOMB, AND HE
WAS BURIED WITH HIS FATHER, AND HE WAS
BURIED WITH HIS FATHER, AND HE WAS BURIED
WITH HIS FATHER, AND HE WAS BURIED WITH
HIS FATHER, AND HE WAS BURIED WITH HIS
FATHER, AND HE WAS BURIED WITH HIS FATHER,
AND THEY BROUGHT UNTO HIM ALSO INFANTS, THAT HE
SHOULD TOUCH THEM.

(Boy, report card, & conduct hardest subject)

this tru all us, any yr,
lif Bgin educat B4 walk until deth, if pers want gro
EX 3:11 scripture: (both of them)

2 dif kings & ea The Roy Touch,

Solo say; rule & regs

Js say: liv no rules

regs,

rewards 4 do well

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get revenge

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Thus vast dif & can 3 scrips relev 2 us 2day

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Simil Dav tel Solo, get edu=hous, bank acct etc.

This conflic Kpianity: Js say peop 3 serv 2 mankind,

1 unself, luv 1 another, must 3 ambit but within reas

any? without ambit lik watch no spring

2 oft career choic Wat 4 me? Wat can I get?

insted, "How can I help mankind?"

& 3 sq peg, rd hol, teach, dr, law, janit, plum, minis

We ask wat gon wrong? Why society as is?

Wat wrong youth?

(Illus Sen Booth & predict long ago)

We elimin relig from lifs 2 protec minor

Why? So they no hav sumthin offens 2 them

We surround by minority & Bcuz them throw all out

Lik thro bab with bath water

Probs societ 2day Bcuz parent neglect obligs

feed, cloth, & this all, examp drop off 83 & lv,

Parent shud set examp all things

Many us empathize Dav speak 2 son, Bcuz we hav 2

But also need bring child 2 Touch of Dav

(Illus Touch of Master, Violin at auction)

shud shar with child,

But can only do if we kno Master,

We all hav need "The Royal Touch."

"The Royal Touch"

Text: 1Kings 2:2b-3,
Luke 18:15

thou strong therefore, and show thyself a man, And keep the charge of the Lord thy God, to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, and His commandments, and His ordinances, and His testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and wherever thou turnest thyself.

And they brought unto him also infants, that He would touch them;

A young boy brought his ~~report~~ final report card home from school and showed it to his very proud dad. As the father looked at the card he smiled with satisfaction for the boy had done very well. "But why did you get all these check marks in conduct," the father asked? "I don't know Dad, I guess that this year conduct was my hardest subject."

I suppose we could all make this statement, and really mean that conduct is our hardest subject in any year. We learn after not too many years ~~xx~~ in this world that we must live and act in a certain way. Life takes on an air of education when most children are not even walking, and continues until the day of death, if a person really looks at life in this perspective.

Our scripture for this morning is a good example of this. If we look at the story of David speaking to Solomon, we can see that he is teaching his son. David tells Solomon, (read text). He is striving to educate him in the ways of being a good king. Regardless of what David may have done, or what we read about him, David was a good king. He was a sinner like everyone else, but he ruled his people with heart and soul. He strayed from God through his immorality with Bathsheba, but he repented and became God's man again. We can probably picture the scene of an aged father speaking confidentially to his beloved son. Solomon was probably standing or seated in the presence of his aged father. David perhaps was propped up in bed so he could speak more comfortably to his son. David does not pull any punches, he quite frankly admits that he is very soon going to die. He tells Solomon of the promise of God to him that his seed should continue on the throne of Israel. He tells Solomon some of the blemishes of his life in sharing how some of his ~~regender~~ leaders had been shamelessly slain. He reminds Solomon that it was Joab who had done this and Solomon is asked to avenge the deaths of these men.

Now here we have two incidents of two different kings. Each of them is giving "The Royal Touch." One king speaks of rewards for doing well. The other speaks of intangibles such as life after death. One king speaks of keeping set rules and regulations. The other speaks of living a life without a complicated set of rules, and by simply loving all you meet along life's way. One king speaks of a continuing reign on earth of a line of succession that God will bless. The other king speaks of a heavenly reign that will have no end. One king speaks of repairing the damaged lives and situations he is leaving behind. The other king speaks of following in his perfect footsteps. One king speaks of getting revenge over his enemies, the other king speaks of having no enemies and loving each other.

Thus we see the vast differences between the two kings. But if we look at these two scriptures in the light of our present world, we can see that they are as ~~xxxxxx~~ relevant for us today as they were when they were written. If we look at our educational system today we see that it is geared to producing men and women who are motivated by a reward principle. By this I mean that from the first grade on up through college, the basic premise is

that you must be educated, and when you are educated you will be rewarded by a good paying job, and you will be able to reap all of the benefits that go with the distinction of being educated. A few years ago they were telling us that if a person completed high school, that graduate would earn approximately 100, 000 more than a dropout. And a college graduate would earn that much more than a high school graduate in a lifetime. In this then, we can draw a parallel to what David was telling Solomon. If you do this and this, and follow this course you will be repaid handsomely with a house, cars, bank accounts, and all of the other material things that go with the successful completion of education.

But what is sadly lacking in this approach is that it conflicts with the basic principles of Christianity and what it is supposed to stand for. Christ enlarged the popular success patterns of His day. He said that people should amount to something and they should be unselfish and sacrificing. This was

mean that we do not live for self, but that we live so the world is a better place for our being here, after we are gone. We are to be of service to mankind. We all know that the urge to amount to something should be a part of our life. Anyone without some ~~ambition~~ ambition of some sort is like a watch without a spring. But our desire for success must amount to more than just the selfish desire to get ahead. We must be motivated out of concern, and love, and compassion.

Too often the choice of a career is motivated by, "What's in it for me? What can I get out of it?" , rather than, "What can I do to help mankind?"

Look around at all the square pegs trying to fit into round holes and you will see what I mean. We can point to any field and see this whether it be school teachers, doctors, lawyers, plumbers, electricians, janitors or ministers. We look at our society today and we question what has gone wrong. Why so

many young people in trouble with the authorities, whether it be the police, or school officials, or parents? What has happened to change things so drastically? General William Booth made a prediction a long time ago.

(Illustration Prophecy of 20th century)

Much of the problems of society today are caused by the lack of concern and control of ~~xxxxxxchildrenxxx~~ children by the parents. Too many parents feel they have fulfilled their obligation if they provide food, clothing, and shelter for their children. Parents who are not providing a good Christian home in which Biblical principles are used, are robbing their children of what God demands from us. We cannot expect our schools to provide all of the spiritual training which should and must rightfully come from the home. It is the duty of the parent to see that children are instructed religiously at home, and to see that they attend Sunday School and Church. The parent who brings the child to Sunday School and then takes off to read the morning paper and have coffee is doing that child a disservice. For it makes that child think that at the proper age this is the thing to do. ~~xxxxxxparent~~ The parent should set the pace by bringing the child and staying for Sunday School and Church.

I believe that many of us can empathize with King David in speaking to his son as he did and instructing him. Many of us have tried to instruct our children right from wrong and we can understand what is being said in this portion of scripture. But we also need to bring our children for the touch of the Saviour as well.

(Illustration of The Touch of the Master)

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This is what we need to share with our children. But we can only do so if we grow and have this touch in our lives. We all have need of "The Royal Touch."

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA
 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY FEBRUARY 15, 1976
 THE REV. RALPH C. LINK, PASTOR
 MRS. EUGENE STEPHENSON, ORGANIST
 MR. RALPH COOPER, CHOIR DIRECTOR
 ELLEN MASTER, RANDY DELLEN - ACOLYTES

ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE: "ASPER"
 PLEASE REMAIN SILENT DURING ORGAN CHIMES
 *PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 323 "GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE ARE
 SPOKEN"

*ASCRPTION - CHORAL AMEN

*EXHORTATION

*CONFESSION (IN UNISON) "O GOD, OUR SHEPHERD, GIVE TO
 THE CHURCH A NEW VISION AND A NEW CHARITY, NEW WISDOM
 AND FRESH UNDERSTANDING, THE REVIVAL OF HER BRIGHTNESS
 AND THE RENEWAL OF HER UNITY; THAT THE ETERNAL MESSAGE
 OF THY SON, UNDEFILED BY THE TRADITIONS OF MEN, MAY BE
 MAILED AS THE GOOD NEWS OF THE NEW AGE; THROUGH HIM WHO
 MAKETH ALL THINGS NEW, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN."

*KYRIE (CHOIR, CONGREGATION AND PASTOR)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON - CHORAL AMEN

*PRAISE

*PASTOR: "O LORD OPEN OUR LIPS.

*PEOPLE: AND OUR MOUTH SHALL SHOW FORTH THY PRAISE

*DOXOLOGY No. 551

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 6: 1-14

HYMN OF THE MONTH No. 264 "WE KNOW THE PATHS WHEREIN OUR
 FEET SHOULD PRESS"

*AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH (STATEMENT OF FAITH) -
 IN THE FRONT COUPLE OF PAGES- HYMNAL

*GLORIA PATRI

*CALL TO PRAYER

*PASTOR: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

*PEOPLE: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.

*PASTOR: LET US PRAY

*PRAYER AND PRAYER RESPONSE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "ANDANTE"

VOICEMAR

ANTHEM: "NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE" BARITONE SAXOPHONE -
 SERMON: "MEASURED MANNA" ROL. THOMPSON

*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 221 "MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE"

*BENEDICTION AND THREE FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE "POSTLUDE" CRAMER

----- *CONGREGATION STANDING -----

THE LOVELY FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN PLACED BY
 MR. & MRS. CLYDE WACHSMUTH IN MEMORY OF "LOVED ONES".

SERVING AS USHERS TODAY ARE: *ROBBIE VINROE, BOB
 DELLEN, BRIAN PFABE, STEVE SMITH AND CHRIS PFABE.

*PRESIDENT AND MRS. PAUL PFABE WILL REPRESENT COUNCIL
 AT THE DOOR TODAY.

NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED TODAY BY: MRS. DRU RENSEL,
 MRS. DORIS ZAVACKY, AND PATTY BASEHOPE.

THE ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY WAS 170.

HOSPITALIZED: EARL WOGAN - 348; AMY VARGO - 323;

MRS. MILDRED BROWN - 460; RICHARD NICHOLAS - 373.

OUR OLD FRIEND MR. JOHN CHUHUA IS OUT OF THE HOSPITAL
 NOW, HOWEVER, I AM SURE HE WOULD ENJOY HEARING FROM
 MEMBERS OF ST. PAUL'S - ADDRESS IS BOX 34, KARNB CITY,
 PENNA. 16041.

MS. CAROL NOEL IS OUT OF THE HOSPITAL AND IS WITH US
 TODAY - SHE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THOSE THAT
 SENT CARDS AND WELL WISHES.

TODAY - IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SERVICE THIS MORNING -
 A MEETING OF ALL THOSE GOING TO THE SEMINAR IN PITT-
 SBURGH ON FEB. 23.

TONIGHT - 6:30-7:00 - YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE.

TONIGHT - 7:00-9:00 - YOUTH FELLOWSHIP MEETING.

THURS. - 10:30 - MARY MARTHA CIRCLE MEETING - BRING
 A SACK LUNCH.

THURS. - 6:30 P.M. - BUTLER AREA LAYMEN'S ASSOCIATION
 MEETING AT ST. JOHN'S UCC. MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIA-
 TION ARE URGED TO TAKE YOUTHS OF THEIR CHURCH TO
 HEAR THE SPECIAL PROGRAM. TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM
 BILL PFLUGH FOR THE DINNER.

A LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD SUNDAY FEB. 22
 FOR LEADERS OF THE CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL, WITH
 REV. CARL BEYER. A LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED. IF YOU
 ARE A TEACHER OR OFFICER FROM THE CHURCH SCHOOL OR
 A MEMBER OF COUNCIL, YOU ARE EXPECTED TO BE THERE
 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CHURCH SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY.

Welcome visitors/ 2 Illus div bibles + Green
 div. bibles xxxxx 46.75

"Metered Manna"

Text: John 6:9

THAT IS A GOOD QUESTION, WHY DID HE FEED 5 BARLEY LOAVES AND 2
SMALL FISHES; BUT WHY ARE THEY ASKING SO MANY?

Scripture: John 6:1-14

Red grip & thrill acct feed 5M & perhaps echo 20X?
How could happen? Examp CB teach & boy, McDons & Hamburg
This event furth elaborat G car 4 peop bak 2 Moses
16th chap Ex. EXAGGERATE: 2day, 2morrow, worry bout yesterda
Compar this Metered Manna & feed 5M in Jn,
Ex cry 2 B fed cp Jn can 4 spirit food &
" complain Jn didn't got physical as well

ther4 can U sum insites our day & age
In Jn G provid 4 peop wen need & this we tak 4 grant
go thru day nev think G giv oxy, job, clothes, etc
many thing & no giv thanks, yet He continu giv
(Illus man & sparrow say lif)
Man knew G involv this, & dramatic incid G providence
But G giv ea every day 2 ea us

If look Ex Bliev U Div provid nother mdr startle way
mak compar us & Isites, hum natur no change 4M yr
Still impatien, demand, untrust, unBliev proms G
Develop SUCH ME attitude
But 2 Bliev prov G, plac squar His hand & let tak car
own way, own time
2 U & kno noth imposs with G requir our faith,
Faith He can & will provide
(Illus woman & broken scales)
Again, dramat illus wat G can & duz do,
MayB sum sceptic & say coincid & stupid think other
t who 2 say?

I Bliev it nother examp Metered Manna of G
G provid enuf & 2 spar
Andrew look fish & loaves & ask, But wat R they mong
so many?
norma quest, but look incid Isites C told gather
enuf 4 ea day
Thus, requir G children 2 step out faith
Our Manna may appear 2 B meter at times perhaps,
But wen entrust all 2 Lord, can know He will provide
Need hav this trust our livs, & in our church
Requir let go petty ego that keep from entrust G
As sum? Ince say, "LET GO AND LET GOD"
Only then G provid G our livs & lif of church & know
f n G we ea receiv METERED MANNA.

"Metered Manna"

Text: John 6:9,

There is a lad here, who hath five barley loaves and two small fishes; but what shall they among so many?

Scripture: John 6:1-14

We read in our Scripture this morning the thrilling miracle of the feeding of the 5000. When we ponder this event we perhaps cannot help but marvel at what took place and perhaps echo the words of the disciple Andrew, (read text). There was this vast throng and how could these few loaves and fish feed so many? A Sunday School teacher was teaching a class on this miracle and when she told how Jesus had fed the large crowd with five loaves and two fish, one little boy felt that perhaps Jesus should have handled it in a different way. He raised his hand and asked the question, "Why didn't Jesus take them all to McDonalds and buy them hamburgers?" Incidentally, this really happened. But as remarkable as this event is, I believe that it is merely a further elaboration of how God had shown His people His love and care for them many, many years before in the time of Moses.

Let us turn to the 16th chapter of Exodus and see what I am trying to say. Beginning with the 1st verse we read that the Israelites had now journeyed into the wilderness of Sin, and this was in the middle of the second month after they had miraculously escaped from Egypt. But now they were beginning to complain about the conditions around them. They were saying that they wished they were still living back in Egypt, and when they had plenty to eat and how nice they had it. They were merely exaggerating what they believed to be the case. They had forgotten that they were merely slaves in Egypt. They had forgotten that they did not have flesh pots, because a fleshpot was literally a kettle full of meat, and meat was a luxury that slaves and common people did not enjoy. They had forgotten about the quotas of bricks they were to make with little or no straw and how hard their Egyptian taskmasters were.

Leon once said, "Today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday." For the Israelites this was that today they had thought about when they first crossed the Red Sea. This was the realization that here they were in this

seemingly God forsaken wilderness and their chances of survival looked bleak a gain. The slavery of Egypt loomed ever larger as being the better choice between two evils.

And so the Lord spoke to Moses and told him what He was going to do, vss 4,5. Moses passes this on to the people and assures them that God has heard their murmurings and their murmurings were actually not against Moses and Aaron, but against God, vss, 7,8. Moses instructs Aaron what he is to tell the people, and God speaks out of the cloud to Moses and tells him what he is to tell the people, vss 9-12. And then in the first evening the Israelites received their first meat in the form of Quails, and in the morning they are able to harvest the Manna God supplied as their bread, vss 13-16. We are told that some gathered ^{vs 17.} more and some gathered less. But the strange thing about it was, that no matter how much each one gathered they all had the same, vs 18. So from this we see that their manna was Metered. God had ~~xxxx~~ not only supplied their food, but He "Metered" their Manna, so that ^{NO ONE} ~~every~~ received a little and others received more than their share. The chapter then goes on to state the gathering of Manna, and the Sabbath observance concerning it and so on.

But what I would like to compare is the "metered Manna," as told here with the feeding of the 5000 in the gospel of John. In both instances we see what is supposedly a hopeless situation. How could food be provided for these 5000 people assembled to hear the preaching and teaching of Jesus, and how could these thousands of Israelites possibly find food enough in this vast barren waste-land? But as is so often the case, God is able to supply. Nothing is impossible with God.

When we compare these two incidents we see that in the account of Exodus, the people clamored to be fed. They cried out because of their concern for their needs. But in the Gospel account, the ~~thousands of~~ people came for spiritual food and received not only that but physical food as well. They were not complaining from hunger, nor were they asking to be fed. Thus I believe we can see some insights which can apply to us in our day and age.

In the account of the feeding of the 5000, we can see that God provides for His children when there is a need. This is something we take so much for granted. We go through our days ~~just~~ many times never thinking that God is supplying us with oxygen to breath, jobs to work at, friends to help us share the load of life, families and children. Many, many things for which we may never give thanks. Yet, He continues giving and giving.

(Illustration of man driving car & Sparrow striking him in side to save life)

This man knew that the hand of God was in this incident. This is a dramatic incident of God's providence, but we also know that God is silently giving to each of us each and every day.

In the incident to be found in the story in Exodus, I believe that we see this Divine Providence in another more startling way. If we compare ourselves to the Israelites, we can readily see that human nature has not changed drastically in the 4000 years or so that have intervened. We are still impatient; we are still demanding; we are still untrusting; and we are still unbelieving when it comes to the promises of God. We ~~xxx~~ too have developed a "show me" attitude. But a true belief in the providence of God means that we place things squarely into His hands and then let Him take care of it in His own way, and in His own time. To see and to know that nothing is impossible with God, requires our faith. Faith that He will, and that He can provide.

(Illustration of woman & the broken scales)

This again is a dramatic illustration of what God can and does do. Perhaps some people may be ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ sceptical about this and scoff that anyone was stupid to even consider that God had a hand in this. It could be a very strange coincidence, but who is to say? I believe personally that it is still another illustration of the "metered Manna" of God. God always provides enough and to spare. Andrew looked at the five loaves and the two fishes

and asked the normal human question, "What ~~ix~~ are they among so many?" And probably many times we have looked at what we have and asked a similar question. But when we compare that with the incident of the Israelites we see they were told to go out and to gather enough for each day. Thus we see that it

requires God's children to step out in faith. Our manna may appear to be metered at times perhaps. But when we entrust it all to the Lord, we can know that He will provide.

We need to have this trust in our individual lives, and we need to have it in the Church. It requires that we let go of our petty little egos that keep us from entrusting all to God. It is as someone has once said, "Let go and let God." Only then ~~will~~ can we see the providence of God in our lives, and in each the life of the Church, and know that from God we receive, "Metered Manna."

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 BUTLER, PENNA.
 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY FEB. 22, 1976
 THE REV. RALPH C. LINK, PASTOR
 REV. CARL BEYER, GUEST MINISTER
 MRS. CYNDIE SWBERT, YOUTH CHOIR DIRECTOR
 MRS. EUGENE STEPHENSON, ORGANIST
 ELLEN MASTER, RANDY DELLEN, ACOLYTES

ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE MUSIC: "AIR" BACH
 SELECT ONE FROM "NORTHERN SKETCHES" STICKLES

PLEASE REMAIN SILENT DURING ORGAN CHIMES

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 65 "THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD"

*ASPIRATION - CHORAL AMEN

*EXHORTATION

*CONFESSION (IN UNISON) "ETERNAL GOD, HOW OFTEN WE HAVE
 PRAYED FOR THE COMING OF THY KINGDOM, YET WHEN IT HAS
 BOUGHT TO COME THROUGH US WE HAVE SOMETIMES BARRED TH
 WAY; WE HAVE WANTED IT TO COME IN OTHERS, BUT NOT IN
 OUR OWN HEARTS. WE FEEL IT IS WE WHO STAND BETWEEN
 MAN'S NEED AND THEE; BETWEEN OURSELVES AND WHAT WE
 MIGHT BE; AND WE HAVE NO TRUST IN OUR OWN STRENGTH, OR
 LOYALTY, OR COURAGE. O GIVE US POWER TO LIVE THY WILL,
 AND SEEK THY KINGDOM FIRST OF ALL. AMEN."

*KYRIE (CHOR, CONGREGATION AND PASTOR)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON - CHORAL AMEN

*PRAISE

*PASTOR: O LORD OPEN OUR LIPS.

*PEOPLE: AND OUR MOUTH SHALL SHOW FORTH THY PRAISE

*DOXOLOGY No. 551

SCRIPTURE: PSALM 8; ISAIAH 53: 1-3; MATTHEW 25:31-46

HYMN OF THE MONTH No. 254 "WE KNOW THE PATHS WHEREIN
 OUR FEET SHOULD PRESS"

*AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)

*GLORIA PATRI

*CALL TO PRAYER

*PASTOR: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

*PEOPLE: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.

*PASTOR: LET US PRAY

*PRAYER AND PRAYER RESPONSE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "ANDANTINO" CONGONE

ANTHEM: "THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS" YOUTH CHOIR

SERMON: "LIVING WITH A VISION"

*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 76 "GOD IS LOVE"

*BENEDICTION AND THREE FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE "CEREMONIAL MARCH" DILLON

- - - *CONGREGATION STANDING - - - - -

THE LOVELY FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN PLACED BY
 MR. & MRS. CARL WOGAN IN MEMORY OF LOIS'S "FATHER"
 MR. JOHN TEETS.

SERVING AS USHERS TODAY ARE: *DON KINGSLEY, DARYL

TAIT, JOHN DREHER, GARY PENAR AND RICHARD MANGEL.

ELDER AND MRS. HOWARD BOLAM WILL REPRESENT COUNCIL AT

THE DOOR TODAY.

NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED TODAY BY: VIRGINIA MANGEL,

LINDA McMILLIN AND LYNNE BOSKO.

THE ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY WAS 215.

> TODAY RIGHT AFTER THE SERVICE - REV. CARL BEYER WILL
 CONDUCT A LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP. LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED.
 COUNCIL MEMBERS, CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS
 AND OFFICERS ARE EXPECTED TO BE THERE. 7/1/76

> HOSPITALIZED: MR. ORRIN CAMPBELL, MR. CARL HOLLEFREUND.

> DON'T FORGET THE CHANGES ON THE CONSTITUTION ARE
 ON EACH BULLETIN BOARD AND THEY ARE HIGHLIGHTED SO
 IT CAN BE EASILY FOUND. THE CONSTITUTION WILL BE
 VOTED ON MARCH 7.

NEXT SUNDAY ALL UNDERSHEPHERS ARE ASKED TO PICK UP
 THEIR MATERIAL AFTER THE CHURCH SERVICE AND TO BE IN
 THE HANDS OF THE CONGREGATION BY NO LATER THAN MARCH
 3 - ASH WEDNESDAY.

WED. - 7:30 - GOLDEN CIRCLE MEETING - BRING SCISSORS.

> EVERY SUNDAY EVENING - 7-9 - YOUTH FELLOWSHIP MEETING.

EVERY THURSDAY EVENING - 7 - BIBLE STUDY.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - WILL BE MARCH 5, AT 1:30 AT

NORTH STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH. THE TOPIC WILL BE

"LATIN AMERICAN WOMEN". THERE WILL BE SPECIAL MUSIC

AND THE OFFERING WILL GO TO PARC.

> THE "DESIGN FOR SUCCESSFUL LIVING" SEMINAR AT PITTS-

BURGH WILL BE THIS COMING WEEK. THERE IS STILL

ROOM FOR MORE PEOPLE IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND.

can rec. until Feb. 24. welcome Carl Meyer & visit

Secs: line turn, dishes, bed linen, silverware, oboes ends

4 Vietnamese Family

7/1/76

"Lost and Found"
Luke 15:6, AND WHEN HE COMETH HOME, HE CALLETH TO-
GETHER HIS FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS, SAYING UNTO
THEM, FOR I HAVE FOUND MY SHEEP WHICH WAS
LOST.

(Illustration box & lost boat)

was Js talk bout simple story lost sheep

In fact told 3 story, sheep/coin/lost son

Read last of XXX:

Exegete scrip

Sinners & tax collectors, ALL

Deatraztors vs 2, cp R. Kuhlman etc. (pp Js face

He tell 3 story, but we deal with 1

quest? vs 4? Expl sheps & how look 4 sheep, etc

Vs 5, mayb wounded, lame, thus carry

Vs 6 call 2 rejoice with him, lost=ABOLISHED

means marred, lost, strayed

If PARSED, mean stain, taint, thus SIN

Js imply deeper mean & out in open 4 all sinners

Here answer 2 thoz quest ministry among them

HE SAW 2 SAVERS 100% 21, 22 & giv ea opp cum 2 G

Many interns but found new 1,

(Room of lost sheep)

It impers we car 4 lams as well as sheep,

3 concern 4 adult & 4 yg peop

Must shar salv & bring 2 fold, or lose yg peop 2

This formula 4 Church Js Kp, seek lost, change thoz
inside fold

He said mission 2 seek lost sheep Israel but they

rejec & He turn 2 Gentiles

Message 4 us 2day, but strang enuf many no want

hear or acpt Bcuz realiz they must chang & no

want 2 do

This mak us look at selves as sinners in need

4givness such as Js Kp provid thru suff & deth

(End of story of little boy & lost boat)

this story lost sheep as well

We Blong 2 G Bcuz He mad us, & we Blong 2 G bot us

Bot us with price, took place on Calvary shed blud

Js Kp

Once again Lent, & need proper relationship with G

If straying, gud time we cert fd shepherd

Now good time get rt relationship,

" " " we no guilty make lams stray by our
life

" " " change all this

Ther stand by & serch & seek lost sheep who stray.

Let us look 4 Him & hav His voice speak 2 our harts

& livs, & let us joyusly hear voice say bout us,

Rejoice with me: 4 I hav fd my sheep which was lost.

"Lost And Found"

Text: Luke 15:6, AND WHEN HE COMETH HOME, HE CALLETH TOGETHER HIS FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS, SAYING UNTO THEM, REJOICE WITH ME; FOR I HAVE FOUND MY SHEEP WHICH WAS LOST.

A young boy took a piece of wood, and very painstakingly carved it until he had it shaped and formed just right. Then he carefully sanded it, painted it, and added the finishing touches to it. When he had all this done he had completed a nice little boat. So he decided he would launch his boat and he took it to the nearby river to sail it. He placed it near the shore and the boat bobbed and floated atop the water as far out in the stream as the string attached to it would take it. But as it reached the current toward the middle of the stream, the rapid flow of the water suddenly pulled the boat out of his grasp, and the boy could only stand helplessly by and watch it sail down the river out of sight.

Time went by and one day the little boy was in town on an errand for his mother and he stopped in front of the window of the store selling all sorts of odd things as boys will do. And there in the middle of the window was a very familiar and forgotten item. There was his boat. Naturally he rushed into the store to get it back, but alas the storekeeper informed him that the only way he could get it was to pay a price for it. The little boy sadly pulled the few coins out of his pocket and placed them on the counter, but they were not enough. So he ran out of the store and on to his home to tell what he had found.

This is a vivid illustration of something being lost and then found. This is what Jesus was talking about when he told the simple little story of the sheep which had gone astray. This is what He was saying in the story of the woman losing a coin and searching for it. This is also what He was saying when he told the story of the prodigal son in the following portion of this scripture. The words Jesus used were, "Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost." And likewise the woman called others to rejoice with her, and the happy father called to others to rejoice with him on finding his son again.

But let us look at just the incident of the lost sheep and see what is being said here. First verse we see that the ^{all} tax collectors, or publicans as they were called, and ~~the~~ sinners came to hear him. Just how many are identified as sinners is not told. But if we revert back to the word all, it could very easily be saying all the tax collectors, and all the sinners.

But as is so often the case when Jesus spoke and taught, his detractors and those who did not believe Him, came and murmured against Him and His work. This is so typical of any good work whether it is religion or public works. Some people just gather around to knock it without ever bothering to investigate what it is all about. A good example that I can think of is the now concluded ministry of Kathryn Kuhlman. Here was a woman preacher who was maligned, made the butt of jokes on nationwide TV, called a crook, a fake, and all sorts of

other titles. But the majority of those who have scoffed and sneered, and poked fun at her ministry have never even bothered to check her out to see if what they were saying was true.

This is the type of opposition Jesus faced. He was surrounded by those who would hide in the crowd and ~~only~~ had only one idea in mind and that was to find fault with Him, and try to overthrow his ministry. But then we see how Jesus deals with both the sinners and the scoffers. He tells them 3 stories to illustrate His point. Perhaps He thought He was dealing with some real hard heads, and so to really elaborate He had to prove His message by re-iteration. So very basically and simply He begins by asking them about a very common occupation and one of the hazards attached to it. Almost anyone who owned sheep, or who knew of shepherding was aware that the shepherd was not content if one of the sheep became lost or strayed, until he had determined what had happened to it. Shepherds were a group of people who cooperated with one another. They very often watched each others flock in order to give each other a rest or a chance to tend to the immediate needs of a few sheep while the others grazed and moved about. It was a common practice for the shepherds to come in from the fields with one shepherd ~~leading~~ bringing home not only his own flock, but that of one of his friends, because that particular shepherd was out looking for a lost or strayed sheep. They would await anxiously for the return of that shepherd to determine if he had found the lost sheep. The shepherd would search for the sheep, and if unable to find it, he would look for the remains of its fleece so that he knew it had been devoured by wild animals.

Thus we see when Jesus said, vs 3, the shepherd would bring the sheep back on his shoulders. Many times this was because the sheep had sprained a leg or twisted its foot being caught in a gully or between two rocks. Thus it could not walk properly, and so it was carried lovingly by the shepherd.

When the shepherd had returned home, vs 6, he rejoiced in finding his lost sheep and he wanted to share this joy with his friends. So he calls them to him and says, "Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost." Now the word for lost in this instance and in most other instances in which

Jesus used it, was the Greek word Apollumi, which meant marred, lost or strayed. So it is then that we can see if it meant marred, it had to do with something tainting the sheep, or marking it in another way. Here we see the underlying theme which Jesus is trying to convey. He is ~~saying that~~ implying that there is a deeper meaning here, and He makes this quite obvious when he relates this story to 100 sinners. Here is the full implication out in the open for all to see. Here is the story for sinner and tax collector alike. Here is His message for the Scribes and the Pharisees, and those who would question His ministry among them. He was saying that He had come among them to save the lost sinner and give each one the opportunity to know the Father in a new way.

I am sure that we have heard all sorts of interpretations of this parable, but I believe there is one interpretation that most of us have never applied to this story. I was reading a very interesting piece of poetry about this story which was written by an unknown author, and this is what he says.

(Illustration of sheep #1006 of 2400 Scripture outlines, etc.)

So here we see that it becomes imperative upon us to not only look out for the sheep, but to care for the lambs as well. If we neglect the full grown sheep, we are neglecting the little ones that come along after them. It means that we are not only to have a concern for the adults, but to be equally concerned for the young people coming along as well. If we neglect to reach out to bring them ~~xxx~~ into the fold, and to present to them God's answer for salvation through Jesus Christ, we are not only going to lose them, but will lose the young people of their families as well. Jesus was giving to the people of His day, and for His church which was to come after, the formula for taking care of His sheep. He was saying to be not only concerned with the sheep who are in the fold and who are not straying, but to be concerned with those who have strayed and are lost. He told the Jews that His mission was to seek the lost sheep of Israel, but they did not want to hear this, and so His message was expanded to the Gentiles of His day. And strangely enough His message is for us today, and yet there are those who do not want to hear it, or accept it ~~xx~~ when it is presented to them, because it makes them look at themselves as they really are. And that

is, as a sinner in need of forgiveness such as Jesus Christ provided through His suffering and death.

The story of the little boy who lost his boat and saw it in the window did not end with his running home to tell about it. He asked his father for the needed money to make up what he did not have and then he rushed back to the store to buy it. Now his little heart raced as he paid the price and reclaimed his little boat. As he walked out of the store the little fellow was heard to say, "Now, little boat you are twice mine --- you are mine because I made you, and mine because I bought you."

This is the story of the parable of the lost sheep as well. We ~~are~~ belong to God because He made us, and we are God's because He bought us. But we ~~are~~ only belong to God completely when we recognize that we were created by Him, and that we ~~are~~ have been bought with a price. The transaction took place on Calvary with the shed blood of Jesus Christ.

Once again as we turn our thought toward another lenten season, let us get our lives in a proper relationship with God. If we have been straying from His fold and are not quite certain that we have been found by the shepherd, now would be a good time to think this through and make the move necessary to change all of this. If our lives have not been completely what we would like them to be, and perhaps we may be guilty of some lambs straying because of how we live or act, now would be an appropriate time to change this. But whatever the circumstance, let us be aware that the shepherd is standing by ~~is~~ searching and seeking the lost sheep and lambs who have strayed. Let us look for Him, and have His voice speak to our hearts and lives, and let us joyously hear His voice saying about us, "Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost."

"The Inheritance: Heritage"

Text: Exodus 6:8b And I will give it you for an heritage.

Romans 8:16-17a The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ.

Galatians 4:7, Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Just a few words of explanation of our Lenten theme for this year. We look to the ~~passion~~ ministry, the suffering and death of Jesus Christ at this time, and we strive to see what message God had intended for mankind in this portion of His Word. There are many subjects we could explore, and the subject is so profound that we could not possibly run out of ideas to pursue. Therefore, it becomes a matter of choice as to what God is really speaking to our hearts about. One thing I have always felt, and that is the Old and the New Testaments are not separable. By this I mean that both the Old and the New Testaments combined, tell of the salvation God wrought for mankind from the beginning of time, and which actually culminated in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Therefore, we need to search both Testaments to seek this out.

If you have read your Lenten folder, you will have noted my explanation of this, plus the schedule of services. Under the schedule of services is listed the sermon subject for each Wednesday and Sunday, and the days of Holy Week. Along with each subject is the specific text, from which we will be seeking to draw some conclusions pertaining to the subject of Inheritance.

I am sure that when we speak of inheritance, there are many who have differing views as to what is being said. Usually when we think of an inheritance, we are talking about something that is left to the survivors in a family. In the Old Testament in the book of Exodus we can read ~~the~~ not the last will and testament of God, but instead, the first will and testament for His people Israel. In the 6th chapter are listed a series of "I Wills," by Almighty God to His people. After reading the 6 promises of "I Will," from God, we come to the last and 7th one, which we are going to use as our first text tonight, and this is the last part of the 8th verse of chapter 6. We read,

"And I will give it to you for an heritage: I am the Lord."

re God is stating that all He has said before will be fulfilled by Him. He is setting forth these things ~~and~~ as His promises to His followers. And after all isn't a will a promise to do something for someone? Rev. Coy who taught the family seminar we attended last week, said he would like to make out his will in a different way, and enjoy seeing the shocked looks on his survivors faces when it was read, "I Larry Coy being of sound mind, spent it all." Well, God is not saying this. He is saying that here are the things I am going to do for you, and finally all of this is yours as a heritage. And when we realize all that the Israelites went thorough and come to the New Testament, we understand what it was God was giving as an heritage. The Apostle Paul in writing about the life and the ministry of Jesus Christ, saw in this story something that was not seen by the other Gospel and Epistle writers. Paul saw all of this salvation histry as being a heritage to us from God.

In the two portions of scripture which we read this evening, he wrote first to the Romans, "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirits that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs, heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ." And in Galatians he wrote, "Wherefore, thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ Paul was thinking in terms of the world in which he lived. He was using the Romans and the Greeks as his illustrations for his writings. Adoption was something that was taken very seriously in the Roman world in particular. And Paul uses this adoption as the basis for his thinking. In a Roman family the son never came of age. No matter how old he was, the father was still in control of him. So in order for a Roman son to be adopted, it meant that he passed from the control of one father, to the absolute control of another father. Thus adoption was a very serious step to take. There were 4 basic steps this adoption took. First: the adopted person lost all rights in his old family, and became a legitimate member of the new family. Second: the adopted person had as much inheritance coming to him in the new family as any

another member of that family, even though he was not born into that family.

Third: all the old life of the adopted person was wiped out and erased. All old debts were cancelled as though they never existed. Fourth: the adopted person was literally and absolutely the son of the new father.

A good example of this was the Emperor Claudius who wanted Nero to succeed him as Emperor and so he adopted him, even though they were not blood relatives. And Nero wanted to marry Octavia the daughter of Claudius, who now became his sister because of the adoption. They were not blood relations but under the law were brother and sister. So the Senate passed special legislation so they could get married.

To carry this yet further Paul points out that God's Spirit, bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God. His reason for pointing this out was that ~~if the~~ the adoption ceremony was carried out in front of 7 witnesses. Now if the adopting father died, and a dispute arose as to the right of the adopted son to share in the inheritance, one or more of the 7 original witnesses came forward to swear that this adoption had taken place.

So what Paul was pointing out to people who became Christians, was that they once were a part of another family. The family was one made up of sin. The family of the father of this world, Satan. But God in His mercy, through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ upon the cross as the substitute for us, brought us from sin and death to forgiveness and eternal life. All of the past is cancelled, the slate is wiped clean, and we begin all over again in the family of God, when we accept Christ as our Saviour.

This means then that we begin a new life, and that we also at this point become sons of God, or His children. As sons, or as children, we become heirs to what God has provided. And the heirs in this sense gain as their heritage life eternal. The joy of having Christ live within our hearts and lives. The forgiveness of our sins when we come to Christ and confess our sin and partake of the symbolic observance of His suffering and death, in the form of Communion. This is the picture Paul gives us. A picture not of our earning this inher-

itance or of even deserving it. But because of the love and mercy of God,
we receive it.

This is the overall picture of this "Inheritance" which we will look at each week. ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ Let us now join together around Christ's table, and let us together partake of the elements symbolizing His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Let us come to His table together.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 7, 1976

THE REV. RALPH C. LINK, PASTOR
MRS. EUGENE STEPHENSON, ORGANIST
MR. RALPH COOPER, CHOIR DIRECTOR
SHELLY HOCKENBERRY, MARK FRY - ACOLYTES

ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE MUSIC: "LENTEN PRELUDE" REBIKOFF
"LAMB OF GOD" BIZET

PLEASE REMAIN SILENT DURING ORGAN CHIMES

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 1 "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY!"

*ACRISPION - CHORAL AMEN

*EXHORTATION

*CONFESSION (IN UNISON) "O MERCIFUL FATHER, WHO IN COMPASSION FOR YOUR SINFUL CHILDREN DID SEND YOUR SON JESUS CHRIST TO BE THE SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD; GRANT US GRACE TO FEEL AND TO LAMENT OUR SHARE IN THE EVIL WHICH MADE IT NEEDFUL FOR HIM TO SUFFER AND TO DIE FOR OUR SALVATION. HELP US BY SELF-DENIAL, PRAYER, AND MEDITATION TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR DEEPER PENITENCE AND A BETTER LIFE. AND GIVE US A TRUE LONGING TO BE FREE FROM SIN, THROUGH THE DELIVERANCE WROUGHT BY JESUS CHRIST OUR ONLY REDEEMER. AMEN."

*KYRIE (CHOIR, CONGREGATION AND PASTOR)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON - CHORAL AMEN

*PRAISE

*PASTOR: O LORD OPEN OUR LIPS.

*PEOPLE: AND OUR MOUTH SHALL SHOW FORTH THY PRAISE

*DOXOLOGY No. 551

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 4: 14-32 (EXPLAIN SCRIPTURE)

HYMN OF THE MONTH No. 129 "THOU DIDST TEACH THE THRONING PEOPLE"

*AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)

*GLORIA PATRI

*CALL TO PRAYER

*PASTOR: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

*PEOPLE: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.

*PASTOR: LET US PRAY.

*PRAYER AND PRAYER RESPONSE

OFFERTORY

"ARIO 90"

PAKTON

ANTHEM: "HOLY ONE, DIVINE REDEEMER" HAMBLEN

TENOR SOLO, RALPH T. TAYLOR

SERMON: "THE INHERITANCE: FREEDOM"

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 243 "MAKE ME A CAPTIVE, LORD,"

*BENEDICTION AND THREE FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE "POSTLUDE"

HAMBLEN

(PLEASE BE SEATED - THE CHANGES ON THE UP-DATED CONSTITUTION WILL BE READ AND GONE OVER FOR APPROVAL)

CONGREGATION STANDING

THE LOVELY FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN PLACED BY

MRS. DORIS ANGELONI IN MEMORY OF HER "MOTHER" -

MRS. JAMES POLLARD.

SERVING AS USHERS TODAY ARE: *ALLEN BOTACCHI, JOHN

REDMAN, DAN BOSKO, ROBERT KNAUER AND CHARLES PENAR.

DEACON AND MRS. HARRY FRY WILL REPRESENT COUNCIL AT

THE DOOR TODAY.

THE ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY WAS 203.

NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED TODAY BY: MRS. BETTY PFABE,

MRS. BARB VARGO AND LINDA PFABE.

TODAY - 3:00 - THE PASTOR AND ARC CLASS WILL GO TO

SUGAR CREEK REST HOME FOR A SERVICE. THEY WILL MEET

HERE AT THE CHURCH AT 2:15 P.M. ANYONE WISHING TO

GO IS WELCOME.

TONIGHT - 7-9 - YOUTH FELLOWSHIP.

TUES. - 9:30 P.M. - VOLLEYBALL - ST. PAULS GYM -

COME OUT AND BE A PART OF THE TEAM THAT BEATS ST. MARKS.

WED. - 7:30 - LENTEN SERVICE "DOOR" - JOHN 10:1-9

THURS. - 7:00 - BIBLE STUDY

FRI. - 6:30 - WORK NIGHT AT THE CHURCH - THE TWO

OFFICES ARE TO BE PAINTED; BILLS IN THE SANCTUARY;

BRING ALL THE NECESSARY ITEMS. THE WM. FELLOWSHIP AND

ALVIN TAIT'S ARE IN CHARGE OF THIS FUNCTION. WE ALSO

HAVE A GOOD TIME AND LOTS OF FELLOWSHIP, ALSO LUNCH.

THE BUTLER INTERMEDIATE HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS "A'S" R

ON MARCH 12 AND 13. CURTAIN TIME: 8:15 P.M. TICKETS

ON SALE AT THE DOOR AT \$1.00 STUDENTS AND \$1.75 ADULTS.

PHONE AHEAD FOR TICKETS AND INFORMATION - 285-3278

OR 287-3950.

J. W. HARMON AND KEN WEITZEL HAVE TICKETS FOR MEN'S

GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST.

MAR. 9 - BIBLE STUDY ON "RUTH" REV. WM. HUDSON -

CLIFFSIDE APARTMENTS (SEE BULLETIN BOARD FOR OTHERS.)

AND 10:45 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

JOHN HUDSON FOR 11:00 P.M. CARR

"The Inheritance: Freedom"

Texts: Ex 6:6a, 10:4 IY UN2 M E V I DUT, OF ISRAEL.
I AM GAD, I I WILL BRING U OUT FROM UNDER THE
WING OF THE EGYPTIAN.
Luke 4:21, I AM GAD, I I WILL BRING U OUT FROM UNDER THE
WING OF THE EGYPTIAN.

inheritance subj wat 2 prom wil lv children
Ex 6:7 I wills, & think thez as Inheritance 2 cum
4 series 10:4's by Js in John & this sent messages
Sundays will be 10:4's & how G accomplish them,
Weekdays 10:4's of Js & how He heir sent by G
4 2day text 10:4, G say He set freed & no long slaves
G tell deliv of Isites, but time aft time Bcum slave
But G have plan 4 peop & predict deliverer 2 cum
We kno this Js, but wonder wat peop thot & did advent
of Js & B right on spot wen He came?

How wodely birth, life, ministry known, we no know
prob not hav 2 much impact on 2 many peop
Thus aft 30 unevent yrs Js Bain preach,
read le attract atent & cum home 2 Naz & Synagogue
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porb set by G, He READ it, & sat down.
Rabbis taught this way & we get Prof chair from this
red vs 21.

Then Js point other scrips 2 show other propchs no
accept either, & G can only work in few select peop
Js taken out 2 B stoned, but He escape
(Illus woman, Europe 77M bracelet, error in telegram)
Js stopped in mid prophecy, Comma followed & then,
"The day of vengeance of our God."

Js hav 2 do 2nd coming & this later, He talk of no
now, 1st coming.

Wat Js say is that this their INHERITANCE: FREEDOM
Not Freedom from taskmasters, but Freedom from bonds
of sin, sin held mankind its grip & he no overcum it
Xpian Ch 2day show recog Freedom cum from Xp
2 long denoms & churches, & indivs kept quiet that Xp
was supposed center their congress & livs.
2 many hav felt & feel threatened wen Salv as offer
by 2 thru Js Xp mentioned or alluded 2
But 4 thoz who kno Xp & acknowledge Him Lord & Sav.
it joy to revel in Freedom which He bring in 2 livs
This our Inheritance from G, & we say, Thanks B 2 G
who given us Freedom thru Js Xp our Lord.

"The Inheritance: Freedom"

Texts: Exodus 6:6a Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.
Luke 4:21, And He began to say unto them, this day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

We are and will be dealing with "The Inheritance", a subject involving what God promised He would leave to His children. We find the major emphasis on this in the Old Testament book of Exodus, where in the 6th chapter God speaks of 7 "I Wills". Using these as God's first will and testament, and thinking of them in terms of being an inheritance to come, we combine them with the words of Jesus as found in different parts of the Gospel of John where Jesus says, a series of "I Ams," and we have the basis for our Lenten messages. The Sunday messages will be dealing with the "I Wills," of God and how He accomplished them, and the ~~Wednesday~~ ^{weekday} messages will be dealing with the "I Ams," of Jesus and how He was the heir sent by God. I say all of this by way of introduction to those who may be visiting with us, and to those who were unable to attend our first service on Ash Wednesday. God spoke to Moses before He accomplished all He did, by predicting and promising that He was going to intervene miraculously in the lives of the Israelites. In the beginning of the 6th verse of the 6th chapter of Exodus God promises, "Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the bondage of the Egyptians." God is stating that these Jewish people were going to be freed from their bondage,, They were no longer going to be the slaves of the Egyptians. When we read the plagues sent by God upon the Egyptians, culminating in the death of the all the first born and the institution of the Passover, and how the Israelites were delivered from the Egyptians, we see that God kept His promise to them. But as we go through the remainder of the Old Testament we find that time after time the Israelites revert back to their old life and become slaves again on different occasions. But in all of this God still had plans for His people. Through His prophets, freedom and deliverance was predicted from time to time. The people looked with an expectant air for a deliverer to come forth from their ranks and to lead them to victory over all of their enemies.

We have the advantage of knowing what God did as recorded in the Gospels. But I often wonder just what the people who lived during the time of Jesus thought and did. We read for instance of the miraculous conception of Jesus in Luke, and how He was born in a stable and shepherds and wise men came to see Him. But just how widely this was known or received is not told. From all indications it must not have made much impact upon too many people.

Therefore, it is not surprising that Jesus after 30 seemingly uneventful years ~~among the people~~ during which He must have been preparing Himself begins a public ministry in Galilee ~~xxx~~. Here He must have attracted some attention as a preacher, and He returns to His hometown of Nazareth where some of this fame precedes Him. We read that on the Sabbath day He went to the Synagogue as was ^{or someone who was noted as a preacher} His custom. Usually a visiting dignitary was asked to read the Scripture for that day. The choice of Scripture ~~was xxxxxxxxxx the individual~~ for this particular day may or may not have been selected by Jesus. Usually it was a stated portion and whoever ~~read~~ read it, did not have a choice. I like to think that as with all things of God, this was preplanned by Him, and Jesus appearance at this time in this Synagogue was all part of God's plan and timetable.

But one thing is certain, and that is the people who were there that day to hear the scripture read, and to have it interpreted for them, were not prepared for all of the events which followed. Jesus stood up to read, and the scroll of the book of Isaiah was handed to Him. He unrolled it to the portion of Scripture which we know as the 61 st chapter and He began to read. (read verses 18,19).

Then He sat down. ~~This did not mean that He was seated~~ It was the custom for the person who was honored to read the scripture, to expound upon that Scripture, but it was done while seated. Thus the interpretation of verse 20, which states that all eyes were fastened on Him. The teaching from a seated position which was done by Rabbis and other Jewish scholars, is probably where we give the term for a professor in a college or university, "the professors chair." Or a "Chair" being provided for a certain professor.

But whatever the case, Jesus read this scripture, sat down, and then thoroughly startled His hearers by what He said. He said, "this day is this scripture ful-

filled in your ears." Then follows a discourse in which Jesus points out to His hearers some other portions of Scripture which showed that other prophets of God were not accepted either, and only a few selected people accepted what God could and would do. This of course made them angry, and we read they took

him out to the edge of the city to kill him, but he escaped from them.
(Illustration of woman in Europe and telegram about bracelet)

There is one thing in the reading of this portion of scripture from Isaiah that needs to be pointed out. It is the fact that Jesus did not read all of the scripture involved. Isaiah wrote what Jesus read, but the phrase, "To preach the acceptable year of the Lord," did not end it. Following the word Lord, there is a comma, and then follows, "And the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn." "The day of vengeance of our God," had to do with the second coming of the Lord. Therefore Jesus stopped His reading before this because He was not proclaiming His second coming, but His first coming. So we can see in this that God's plan was being fulfilled, and when Jesus spoke that this was being done, and this was a part of their Inheritance, which was their freedom. Freedom not so much from a bondage to taskmasters and slave owners, but Freedom from the bondage of sin. The bondage that had held all of mankind in its grip and man was unable to overcome it.

It is encouraging to see signs within the Christian Church community of the recognition of the freedom that comes from Christ. Too long denominations and churches, and in particular the individual members of Christian churches have kept it quiet that Christ was the supposed center of their congregation and their lives. Too many people have felt, and feel threatened when Salvation as offered by God through Jesus Christ is mentioned, or even alluded to.

But for those who know this Christ and acknowledge Him as Lord and Saviour, it is a joy to be able to revel in the freedom which He brings into our lives. This is our Inheritance from God, and we say "thanks be to God who has given us freedom through Jesus Christ our Lord."

"The Inheritance: Door"

John 10:7-9, THIS IS THE DOOR BY WHICH WE MAY ENTER THE KINGDOM OF GOD
VERILY I SAY UNTO YOU, I AM THE DOOR OF THE SHEEP
IF ANY MAN WILL ENTER THE KINGDOM OF GOD, HE SHALL ENTER BY ME
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Scripture: Hebrews 9:1-15

THE DOOR:

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 2 think of 2000 as inherit strain mind right?
 First interpret: sheep lay in front sheep as door
 And interpret: thieves & robbers. Not Moses, Aaron,
 In 2nd or prophets: self-styled Messiah came to
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 deliverers. Tell of Judas Galilee raise revolt at
 census taken during Jesus birth.
 The door from Gold age they bring, shed blue near
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Isaiah 40:3, 4:1 as discip
 out 35 say, "The poor are here, but they thief & robs
 their steel peace, also live friends, neighbors"

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ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA

LENTEN SERVICE MARCH 10, 1976

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7:30 P.M.

PRELUDE MUSIC: "BY THE RIVER JORDAN" CLARKE
 "I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY" ARR. SMITH

SILENT MEDITATION

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 60 "SAVIOUR, BREATHE AN EVENING
 *SCRIPTION - CHORAL AMEN BLESSING"

*INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE HEBREWS 9: 1-15

*GLORIA PATRI

EVENING PRAYER & CHORAL RESPONSE

OFFERTORY

"TENOR MELODY" STARK

HYMN No. 475 "SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER"

SERMON: "THE INHERITANCE: DOOR"

*HYMN No. 221 "MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE"

*BENEDICTION

*THREEFOLD AMEN

*POSTLUDE "POSTLUDE"

SMITH

----- *CONGREGATION STANDING -----

WE NEED ALL THE WORKERS WE CAN GET FOR FRIDAY NIGHT
 AT THE CHURCH. THE TWO OFFICES ARE TO BE PAINTED
 AS WELL AS OTHER THINGS TO BE DONE. WE NEED SHORT
 STEP LADDERS, CLEANING EQUIPMENT, BRUSHES, ROLLERS,
 ETC. LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED AFTERWARDS. TIME 6:30 P.M.

IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHURCH
 PLEASE PUT THEIR NAME AND ADDRESS IN THE OFFERING
 PLATE.

"The Inheritance: Door"

John 10:7-9 when said Jesus unto them again, "Verily, verily I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. All that came before me are thieves and robbers; but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out and find pasture."

Scripture: Hebrews 9:1-15

Our text for this evening is from the 10th chapter of the Gospel of John, and verses 7 to 9, (read text).

It is from this text then that we are drawing the conclusion that a part of the Inheritance left to mankind by God is, "A Door." I am sure that if we were to be remembered in someones will, we certainly would not be too happy is someone left us a door. Unless of course the door were of solid brass, or bronze or some other metal we could redeem. But to think of something as simple as a door as a part of our inheritance, strains the mind a little to figure out its full value, Doesn't it?

When we speak of Jesus being the Door as He referred to Himself in the 10th chapter of John, we can see several Biblical definitions being used here. First, we can use the reference of Jesus being the shepherd who at night lay prostrate on the ground in front of the sheepfold out in the hills, and literally became the door through which anyone, either sheep, wild animal, or thief had to enter. Thus He in this instance would be the person who protected the helpless sheep with His very life.

~~This is quite probably the most simple meaning to this text. I believe there is~~
is a still deeper meaning involved here. It has to do with the old Jewish ideas of the Temple, the priests and the keeping of laws and rituals. In the Old Testament book of Exodus we read of the instructions given to Moses for the making of the Tabernacle. This ~~is~~ is what is being described in our Scripture for this evening. This was also the description of the inner portion of the Temple in Jerusalem.

Jesus is also identifying Himself with reference to His ministry among these people when He says that all others who had come before Him were thieves and robbers. Now He was not referring to Moses and Aaron, and the prophets, and John the Baptist. He was making reference to the many self-styled Messiahs who had cropped up in their society from time to time. Josephus the Jewish historian in his

writings tells of there being ten thousand disorders in Judea caused by these self-styled deliverers of the Jewish people. He wrote of one man identified as This fellow Judas the Galilean. ~~who~~ at the time of the census taken at the time of Jesus' birth, mounted ~~an~~ a revolt against this census. These people would promise that they were the ones to bring in the golden age promised by God. They understood this golden age as being ushered in by the unrestrained shedding of blood. The zealots were a group of men dedicated to this type of warfare. They thought nothing of having their own friends and families slaughtered, just to further their cause, and to achieve the victory through violence they believed was necessary. One of Jesus very disciples was a zealot, and so Jesus knew what their express purpose in life was.

Thus it was that he was saying, "this is not the way God wants us to live. You have seen these kinds of leaders come and go. They were thieves and robbers because they stole from you the peace and tranquility which you could have had and they also stole the lives of your friends and loved ones because of their desire to settle everything with war and fighting."

Then Jesus concludes this thought by stating, "I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out and find pasture." Now this is a thought that would have been very difficult for the Jewish people to understand. We need to study it a bit as far as background goes in order for us to have a complete understanding of it.

The author of the book of Hebrews had a specific purpose in writing his book, and that was to convey to Jewish people the Messiah, Jesus Christ. If we read this book through we can see that he goes into infinite detail to make his point and prove his case. The portion of the 9th chapter which we read as scripture for this evening is a case in point. It is in this chapter that he goes into detail about the tabernacle, the Holy of Holies, sacrifices and so on. In the first 5 verses he spells out how the tabernacle was made and what it contained. Then in the 6th verse he explains what the priests did, (read verse). Now from this we see that the priests ministered in this portion of the Tabernacle and conducted the service of worship here.

In verse 7, (read), we see that only the High Priest could enter the Holy of Holies, once a year. This was on the day of atonement, when the High Priest went into the Holy of Holies with a basin of blood which he offered as the sacrifice for ~~himself~~ the forgiveness of his sins, and the sins of the people. There was a veil which separated the Holy of Holies from the Holy Place, and therefore, the Holy of Holies was not open to the view of the worshipers and was distinctly sep~~arate~~ apart.

Now if we remember the events surrounding the death of Jesus on the cross, we will recall at the very moment that Jesus died, the veil of the temple was torn from the top to the bottom. The significance of this was that it was now no longer necessary to have a priest go before God to minister for the sins of the people. Jesus Christ ^{became} ~~was~~ that High Priest and literally sacrificed Himself for the sins of all people. This means then that He is the Door of which He speaks. He is the literal entrance through which all people must pass if they are to have salvation from their sins.

So when ~~Jesus~~ Jesus says, "I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out and find pasture," He meant every word of it literally. He meant that the individual becomes saved, or has salvation through His sacrifice, but he can go in and out and find pasture. By this he means that the person needs not only come for forgiveness once a year, but the person has access to the Father each and every day, and can have forgiveness for things committed that day or that hour. This means that the person can not only enter freely, but that there is pasture to be had. This again is a reference to sheep and shepherds, ~~xx~~ terminology that Jesus followers could understand. But it also implies that by "pasture," is meant food. And this is what we begin to have when we come to Christ and accept Him as Lord and Saviour. We begin to get a hunger and thirst for the things of God. It is at this point that we begin to seek in God's Word and to search. The more we seek and the more we search, the more we find. And the more we find, the more we desire to learn. So we find food to satisfy not our physical bodies, but to feed our spiritual bodies.

this portion of
So here we have the Inheritance from God, and that is "The Door." This is the
access we have with the Father through Jesus Christ. We can now come boldly
before the throne of grace individually, and we no longer have a special need
of a High Priest to intercede for us. The way has been cleared once and for
all for each one to come before God freely.

"I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in
and out and find pasture." This is merely another ^{total} part of the Inheritance
which is ours from God. But let us ~~each~~ claim each part, and thank God that
He loved us enough that this is the legacy we have from Him.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA
 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 14, 1976
 THE REV. RALPH C. LINK, PASTOR
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ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:30 A.M.
 PRELUDE MUSIC: "CANTILENE" BLAKE
 "LARGO" HANDEL

PLEASE REMAIN SILENT DURING ORGAN CHIMES
 *PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 43 "WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES"
 *ACCRITION - CHORAL AMEN
 *EXHORTATION
 *CONFESSION (IN UNISON) "ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, WHO
 HATEST NOTHING THAT THOU HAS MADE, AND DOST FORGIVE THE
 SINS OF ALL THEM THAT ARE PENITENT; CREATE AND MAKE IN
 US NEW AND CONTRITE HEARTS, THAT WE, WORTHILY LAMENTING
 OUR SINS, MAY OBTAIN OF THEE, THE GOD OF ALL MERCY,
 PERFECT REMISSION AND FORGIVENESS; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST
 OUR LORD. AMEN."
 *KYRIE (CHOIR, CONGREGATION AND PASTOR)
 *ASSURANCE OF PARDON - CHORAL AMEN
 *PRAISE

*PASTOR: "O LORD OPEN OUR LIPS.
 *PEOPLE: AND OUR MOUTH SHALL SHOW FORTH THY PRAISE
 *DOXOLOGY No. 551
 SCRIPTURE: 1 CORINTHIANS 10: 1-15 ANNOUNCED
 HYMN OF THE MONTH No. 129 "THOU DIDST TEACH THE
 THRONING PEOPLE"

*AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)
 *GLORIA PATRI
 CALL TO PRAYER PEOPLE SEATED
 PASTOR: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.
 PEOPLE: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.
 PASTOR: LET US PRAY.

PRAYER AND PRAYER RESPONSE
 OFFERING
 *OFFERTORY "IN QUESTA TOMBA OSCURA" BEETHOVEN
 ANTHEM: "BETRAYED BY A KISS" MIXED QUARTET:
 CYNIDIE SYVERT, KAREN MALONEY, ROBERT SYBERT, LLOYD LINK.

SERMON: "THE INHERITANCE: RESCUE"
 PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 315 "LEAD, KINDLY LIGHT"
 *BENEDICTION AND THREE FOLD AMEN
 ORGAN POSTLUDE "UNTO US IS BROUGHT SALVATION" BACH

----- *CONGREGATION STANDING -----
 THE LOVELY FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN PLACED BY
 MRS. H. F. SANDBACH IN MEMORY OF "PARENTS" -
 MR. & MRS. E. M. PERRIN.

SERVING AS USHERS TODAY ARE: *WALLY FEDER, JOHN SNOW,
 MONT MACKINNEY, HERB SHEARER AND STEVE VARGO.
 DEACONESS MRS. JOAN MASTER, BUTCH AND ELLEN WILL BE
 THE GREETERS AT THE DOOR TODAY.
 NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED TODAY BY: MR. & MRS. BRAD
 VINROE AND MARY DELLEN.

THE ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY WAS 236.
 TODAY - 7-9 - YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

*MONDAY - 7:30 - FIDELITY BIBLE CLASS

*WED. - 7:30 - LENTEN SERVICE
 THURS. - 10:30 A.M. - MARY MARTHA CIRCLE AT THE CHURCH.
 THE EASTER LILY CHARTS WILL BE PASSED THRU THE CONG-

REGATION TODAY.

*TUES. - 9:30 P.M. - VOLLEYBALL AT ST. PAUL'S GYM.

THURS. - 7:00 - BIBLE STUDY

*HOSPITALIZED: JOHN WILSON - ICU, MRS. MILDRED BROWN,
 BOMH: MRS. AMELIA DREHER, NORTH SIDE HOSP. YOUNGSTOWN
 OHIO.

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING ENVELOPES CAN BE PUT IN
 THE OFFERING PLATE ANY SUNDAY THIS MONTH. THE MONEY
 RECEIVED FROM THIS OFFERING SUPPORTS, THROUGH THE
 UNITED CHURCH BOARD FOR WORLD MINISTRIES, THE WORLD-
 WIDE RELIEF AND REHABILITATION WORK OF CHURCH WORLD
 SERVICE, WHICH SERVES VICTIMS OF DISASTERS - EARTH-
 QUAKES, FLOODS, FAMINE, AND WAR--THROUGHOUT THE WORLD,
 MANY OF THEM FORCED TO LIVE IN REFUGEE CAMPS FOR MANY
 YEARS. ONE DOLLAR GIFT PROVIDES 5 POUNDS OF CLOTHING
 OR BLANKETS. ONE DOLLAR GIFT PROVIDES 113 LBS. OF
 FOOD, OR ONE DOLLAR GIFT PROVIDES 19 LBS OF MEDICAL
 SUPPLIES.

TICKETS FOR GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST ARE AVAILABLE FROM
 J. WALTER HARMON AND KEN WEITZEL.

IF SHOW OF ANYONE WOULD SEND CHURCH, CONTACT OFFICE
 OR PASTOR/ welcome visitors

NO BLOG COMM MEETING

"The Inheritance: Rescue"
Text: Ex. 6:6b, AND I WILL RID YOU OUT OF THEIR BOND/
AND.

Capture: 1 Cor. 10:1-15

Add 2 prom Inherit, G say, REDEEM

Deliv from Egy, Pharaoh, slavery, REDEEM, RESCUE

scrip 2 combo things=less 1 2 Cor observ 1's Sup

Term 1 2 Cor how 2 liv; History lesson of sorts

This way we use this morn; let us look at scrip;

Isites wilderness, cloud protect/ident Cor with Isites

"Our Fathers" vs 1

Escape thru Red Sea vs 1 (story boy & 31 lesson)

Experi Jews & Mos, similar union Believer & Xp,

Thus baptism & Moses

Indirect relate 1's Sup vs 3, 4a

Prexist Xp as Rock; legend of Rabbis - Rock follow

Xp is & was that Rock

I tell downfall Isites: idolatry golden calf vs 7

fornication Midites & Moabites vs 8

grumble & slain vs 9

These things happen 4 examp 2 Corinth & others vs 11

No get smart think big stuff vs 12 leaders Moses,

Aaron, David, Saul, Solomon etc

vs 13 center of lesson, G no tempt ~~we~~ Beyond we bare

temptation = temptation, proof/trial/test

Tests Is=tests 2 show how we shud liv

escape=escape, (EK=mean out of + Bah Sis=way out,

escape, means egress, means of clearance

All this I sho wat G say wud do He dtd

This port scrip prof G say do Ex 6:6b was dun

(Illustration temptation John R. Gott)

Tests, trials lif which all face G provid escape

Men said rid peop bondage He meant, both OE & us 2ds

Both Isites liv Egypt bond & us liv bond world 2day

We may no think we liv bond liv in free America,

but ea held bondage of sin, regard how try do rt.

But diff 4 Believer =G provid Escape, Rescue, thru Js Xp

This joy mak lif worth liv, 4 2day & everyday

Js reach out 2 ea us & say,

COME UP TO ME, I AM POOR BUT MY HANDS ARE FULL OF LIFE,

CARE YOUR LIFE AND YOUR CHILDREN'S LIFE. I AM OFFER

THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE LIFE AND HAVE IT MORE ABUNDANTLY

This RESCUE provid & sent by G 4 His peop as part
their INHERITANCE.

"The Inheritance: Rescue"

Text: Exodus 6:6b "AND I WILL RID YOU OUT OF THEIR BONDAGE."

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 10:1-15

In adding to what He had promised as their Inheritance, God said further to Moses, "I will rid you out of their bondage." Naturally, He was speaking of delivering the Israelites from the slavery they had endured under ~~the~~ Pharaoh and the Egyptians. God was saying in essence that He was going to provide an escape for them. He was going to rescue them.

The portion of Scripture we read this morning from 1 Corinthians the 10th chapter, is a combination of several things. First, it is a message from Paul to the Corinthian Christians telling them how to observe the Lord's Supper, and ~~the~~ some of the things they should not be doing. It is also a sermon from Paul on how to live, but it is also a history lesson of sorts, recounting some of the things which God had done for the Israelites, and how as believers in God these lessons could be applied to their lives. It is in this last sense that I would direct our thinking to our Scripture for this morning.

Let us turn to this scripture now.

Paul begins by telling how the Israelites were in the wilderness and how they ^{and which shielded and protected them from danger.} were under the cloud of God by day. ^{He identifies these Corinthians with the}

Israelites and calls the Israelites "Our Fathers," thus signifying that they were spiritually connected and brothers through faith. He tells of the escape ^(the deliverance of the Jews from Egypt) provided by God through the Red Sea. These experiences had given the Israelites a union with Moses that was similar to the union believers have with ~~the~~ Christ. Paul was telling them that it was comparable to baptism as a believer in Christ. Paul also equates the Lord's Supper here indirectly with the ~~bread~~ food and drink they had in the wilderness. The Manna of course was their bread, and the water from the rock was the wine or cup. He also tells them of the pre-existence of Christ, as being the spiritual rock which followed them. But this Paul is basing on an old Rabbinic tradition that after God permitted Moses to secure water for the people from the rock, that rock followed them wherever they went and they always had water to drink. And so Paul is telling them that Christ was and is that rock.

But then Paul recounts for them the things which became their downfall in their wilderness wandering. He tells of their idolatry with the golden calf and how they turned from God because of this. He tells of their moral collapse in their immoral acts with the Midianites and the Moabites. He tells of their grumblings against God and how God punished them by slaying them with serpents.

Paul admonishes these people to think all of these things over and to use these examples as good illustrations of what can happen to a believer or a group of believers if they turn from God. He tells them in vs 12, not to be too sure of themselves lest they fall. He was perhaps thinking of each one of the great leaders of the Israelites and how they all at one time or another fell from favor with God because they turned out to fall prey to the sins of the flesh.

But his strongest advice in the recounting of this past Jewish history, is to be found in the 13th verse. He tells them here that all of the temptations they face and will face, are the same temptations which many before them faced. He points out that God is faithful, even if man is not, and that God will not let anyone suffer beyond that which he is able to bear, or to withstand. And the real secret here is, "But ~~that~~ ^{will} with the temptation also make a way to escape."

This is the gist of this complete telling of the history of the Jews. They were tempted in many, many ways, yet God provided them the means of Rescue, or escape from all of these temptations.

Perhaps we need to look at two words found in this scripture which have come to mean different things in our language. The first word is Temptation. This is taken from the Greek word PEIRASMOS which meant putting to the proof, a trial, a test. So when we look at it in this light we can see that the Temptations of Jesus, were a series of proofs, or tests to see what He would do. This explains then why He had to go through them, and the answer of course is to show that it is possible to resist the trials and tests that come to each of us in life.

The second word is Escape. This comes from the Greek word EKBAI. The beginning of this word is the letters Ek and this is a preposition which means out of and when prefixed to a word, ~~it~~ the Greek word BASIS, (Bah is), it means a way out, a means of escape, a means of egress, or a means of clearance.

Now all of this shows I believe that ~~God fulfilled~~ Paul is merely recounting what God said He would do, and what He did. I believe that this portion of Scripture is merely one of the proofs that what God said He would do in Exodus 6:6b was done. (Illustration of temptation by John R. Mott.)

For the tests and trials of life which we all face, God has provided the Escape, the Rescue. When He said He would rid His people of their bondage, He meant it, both in the time of the Israelites living in Egypt, and also with each of us living in our world of bondage. We may not think that we are held in bondage to anyone living as we do in free America. But, we are each ~~xxx~~ held in the bondage of sin, regardless of how much we may strive to do right. But the difference for the believer ~~and~~ is that God provided this escape, this Rescue, through Jesus Christ. This is the joy that can make this life worth living, for today and everyday Jesus reaches out to each of us and ~~xxxxxxx~~ says ~~xxxxxxx~~, "Come unto me, I am the way the truth and life." "Cast yourselves, and your cares upon me." ~~xxxxx~~ "I am come that you might have life, and have it more abundantly." This is the Rescue provided and sent by God for His people.

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MARCH 17, 1976

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PATTY McWILLIAMS, DAN BOSKO - ACOLYTES

ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE MUSIC: "REVERIE" ASHFORD
"EVENSONG" KOEPKE

SILENT MEDITATION

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 466 "HE LEADETH ME"

*ACSCRIPTION - CHORAL AMEN

*INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 6: 30-51

*GLORIA PATRI

EVENING PRAYER & CHORAL RESPONSE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY MELODY ON "IRISH" ARR. BLAKE
HYMN No. 469 "I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR"

SERMON: "THE INHERITANCE: BREAD"

*HYMN No. 55 "SUN OF MY SOUL"

*BENEDICTION

*THREEFOLD AMEN

*POSTLUDE "KYRIE ELEISON" MOZART

- - - - - *CONGREGATION STANDING - - - - -

THE EASTER LILY CHART IS BEING FILLED OUT - IF
YOU WOULD LIKE AN EASTER LILY -(THEY ARE BEING
PURCHASED FROM A NEW PLACED THIS YEAR), LET US
KNOW IN THE OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE PRICE
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IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE
CHURCH, PLEASE PUT A SLIP OF PAPER IN THE OFFERING
PLATE, AND THEY WILL BE CONTACTED.

THE EASTER LILY CHART
WELCOME VISITORS

"The Inheritance: Bread" ^{HE}

John 6:35, & Jn 6:35 UN2 THEM, I AM THE BRED OF LIFE;
THAT WHEN 2 HE SHAL NEVER HUNGRY; & HE WHAT STIVETH
ON. SHAL NEVER THIRST.

Scrip: Jn 6:30-51

Js m acu fed 5M preceed scrip, & peop follo 2 Capernaum
Curious 3 Him & miracs etc.

Exogete: vs 25 quest Him, Js tell they want fed vs 26,
Sound teach vs 27, Ask how 2 do it vs 28,

Js say 1 requir vs 29, Ask 4 proof as 34 peop vs 30

Has seen fed day B4, miracs etc, but still ask pruf

They quote ct vs 31, Js expl G no Moses supply vs 32

Tell special bred vs 33, they ask 4 it vs 34, TEXT

Jew Believ Bred Hvn, Manna in jar of Temp, & it hidden

wen Jeremiah cum bak & produc wen Messiah cum

They ask Js prov U Messiah, giv bred of Hvn

Js go on expl no phy bred, but spirit & no understand
Ask, "ot Jos & Mary son, vs 42

again Js speak Spirit qual vs 50, 51.

prob confront all who meet Js 1st time,

diffi think bred anything phys side & terms,

we think bred, loaves etc/examp Mom & bake bred

Js ident self as Bred plac self alongside sustain &
keep alive.

Jews think G & provs keep from starv, & natural

phy bred keep alive, but soul need food as well

Js say, "I am bred sent Hvn 4 U, this 4 spirit bodie:"

Many say this nonsens, & peop who say think so nonser

tak this Inherit G giv thru Js, & illus simple=Bred

Without Js life were exist-with Him is life,

We want 2 lif as food keep health, strong

Food 4 soul Bread Of Life

think wen hungry wat food does 4 us,

4 Xp in life spirit hunger, emptiness, uselessness

but once cum know Him hav satis livs,

hunger, thirst human situat ended

we know Xp, thru Him we know God

restles soul at rest, & hungry hart satisfied

(Illus rev. L.S. require & bread)

If he say then, wat wud say now 2day?

Hav we offer peop bred? Not welfar, govt bred,

but Bred eternity?

This bred free for tak & ask, but only way 3 part fam
heritage, 2 3 part of fam,

is G want 4 all mankind, & seek lost, stray etc,

but not always apparent

(Illus bred of life on paper in India)

Lord new void, no effect, sunnow, sunnowhere U get 2
hunger thirst soul with spirit food.

Thank G 4 Inherit Bred of Life,
But as stewards G supplies, must no hoard & keep & us
insted, must shar it & feed others who hunger 4 this
san bred which G giv us

Let us not only think of selves this Lent seas -
let us think char spirit bred Js
Xp with luv 1's, friends, acquaints
so they may & satis & fill as we

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"The Inheritance: Bread"

John 6:35, AND JESUS SAID UNTO THEM, I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE: HE THAT COMETH TO ME SHALL NEVER HUNGER; AND HE THAT BELIEVETH ON ME SHALL NEVER THIRST.

Scripture: John 6:30-51

Jesus had miraculously fed the 5000 in the preceeding portion of our Scripture for this evening. He had gone away from these people to get off by Himself, and the Disciples had left by boat to go to Capernaum. A storm arises and Jesus comes to the disciples walking on the sea. And so Jesus is now at Capernaum safely away from the crowd He had faced the day before. But the people whom He had fed, and perhaps many He had healed, were not content to let Him get away that quickly. Perhaps their curiosity was aroused to the extent that they wanted to see some more of His miracles and try to figure out just who He was.

But whatever it was that attracted Him to them, they searched for Him and found Him at Capernaum. They literally tracked Him down. And so they asked Him, (vs 25) why He came there? Jesus answered them and accused them of only following Him because He had fed them, (vs. 26,) and perhaps looking for another handout. Then Jesus gave them some very sound teaching, (vs. 27). And so they naturally wanted to know how to do it, (vs. 28). Jesus then tells them that there is only 1 requirement, (vs. 29.) The one requirement was to believe in the Messenger whom God had sent.

But in typical Jewish fashion as we have read over and over again in the Old Testament, they asked for some sort of physical proof of this, (vs. 30). They had seen Him literally feed 5000 with 5 loaves and 2 fish, on ly the day before. They had seen Him heal people of diseases, cure the lame, the sick and the fever ridden. They had witnessed firsthand blind people now being able to see and crippled and deformed limbs made straight, and yet they now had the nerve to ask for a sign that He was who He was saying He was. As a proof for their wanting additional proof from Him, they quoted the old and very well remembered and highly regarded miracles of God in the wilderness of supplying manna for the Israelites, (vs. 31). Then Jesus admonishes them that it was not Moses who supplied that bread from heaven, (which is what manna was thought of and called), but it was God, whom Jesus calls His Father , (vs. 32). And again Jesus takes special care

to point out that the bread of God is "He that cometh down from heaven, and give life unto the world," (vs 33). 33

Then they request this special bread from God, (vs. 34

It is at this point that Jesus tells them He is the bread of life. (Read text: John 6:35). The Jews believed that a portion of this Bread From Heaven, or Manna, had been placed in a jar in the ~~Temple~~ first Temple, and when the Temple had been destroyed it was ~~xxx~~ hidden away by Jeremiah, and that Jeremiah would produce it again when the Messiah came. So the Jews then, were challenging Jesus at this point to produce this bread from Heaven and to prove that He was the promised Messiah.

When we read on in this scripture, Jesus goes on to explain in a way which they should have been able to understand, that He was not talking of physical bread, or physical food, but spiritual bread. But as usual they did not understand Him or did not want to understand Him, and they began to question again, "Is not this man the son of Mary and Joseph whom we know? How can He say He came from heaven?" At this point then, Jesus goes on to explain this in yet another way, and He tries to put it into terms which they can understand and to convey to them that this is a spiritual quality He is speaking of, (vs 50 & 51). It is at this juncture that He conveys to them that the Bread of God, is ~~xxx~~ going to be the sacrifice of Himself for them. His body. But they do not or will not understand this again.

But you see this is a problem that confronts anyone who meets this Jesus for the first time. It is very difficult if not impossible to think in spiritual terms of something as common and ordinary as bread. Bread to almost anyone is that wonderful ~~xxx~~ plump loaf of good smelling, good tasting baked dough. When I think of bread, and I am sure some of you can say the same thing, I think in terms of running home from school into a warm steamy kitchen and not only smelling the wonderful smell of baking bread, but of seeing the browned loaves sitting on the kitchen table cooling. And so it is when we think of bread in these terms that it is high impossible to think of bread as being anything but something to eat. But Jesus was making this comparison and finding it very

difficult to convey to these people that He was speaking about things spiritual. When Jesus identified Himself as being "The bread of life," He was placing Himself alongside of that which sustains and keeps alive. The Jews were thinking in terms of the literal bread from heaven which God gave to the Israelites and which sustained them and kept them from starvation. So when we think in the physical significance of bread we know that it is a food. It is essential to keep the body alive that we eat food.

But Jesus was implying that the soul of a person needed food as well. Therefore a very simple illustration to use in this regard was "Bread." Here Jesus is saying on behalf of God His Father, "I am the food sent from heaven for you. I am bread for your spiritual bodies." And this is as completely misunderstood today as it was at the time Jesus spoke it. To those who can only look at things ~~xxxxxx~~ with physical eyes a saying such as this by Jesus is pure nonsense. and anyone who ~~xxxx~~ attaches another meaning to it is just as nonsensical.

But lack of all of this is the Inheritance as given by God Through His Son Jesus Christ, and in this instance in the description of Himself as something simple like Bread. All of this is to say that Jesus gives life. Without Jesus life is merely an existence. With Him life has another facet. He is essential to life just as physical food is essential to keep the body healthy and strong. He is the food for the soul, The Bread of Life.

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We can think of occasions when we were hungry, and how a good meal took away the hunger. It is the same with the spiritual side of life. Before we come to know Christ, there is something lacking in our makeup. We may have felt an emptiness, or a feeling of frustration and uselessness. But once we come to know Him we have a satisfaction in our lives. The hunger and thirst of the human situation are ended. And when we know Christ, ~~xxxxxx~~ thorough Him we know God. The restless soul is at rest, and the hungry heart is satisfied.

A minister ~~xxxxxx~~ E. R. Bquire as far back as 1934 remarked, "We have offered people every glittering bauble we know; we have made far more concessions than we had the right to; have we ever really offered them bread?" If he could make

this claim then, I wonder what he would say today? Have we indeed offered people bread? Not the physical bread, because the government and welfare agencies are constantly speaking about this, but the bread which sustains eternally. The bread which we can offer is free for the taking and asking. But the only way to ~~xx~~ have a part in the family heritage, is to be a part of the family. And this is what God really wants for all mankind. It may not always be apparent in our everyday world, but God is continually seeking and searching for the lost and the strayed, through the message of Jesus Christ.

(Illustration of man in India and paper with "Bread of Life").

This relates very graphically that God's word never returns to Him void and without effect. Somehow, somewhere, on each and every occasion, God is able to get to those who are hungering for that spiritual food which Jesus Christ can supply. Thank God that we have the inheritance of this Bread of Life. But as stewards of all that God supplies, we must not hoard it and keep it all to ourselves, but instead we are to share it and feed others who are hungering for this same Bread which God has given us. Let us not only think of ourselves this Lenten season, but let us think of sharing the spiritual bread of Jesus Christ with our loved ones and friends, and acquaintances so they may be satisfied and filled, even as we.

lift up your hearts in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord. The Lord that made heaven and earth shall show out of Zion.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 21, 1976

THE REV. RALPH C. LINK, PASTOR

MRS. EUGENE STEPHENSON, ORGANIST

MR. RALPH COOPER, CHOIR DIRECTOR

PATTY McWILLIAMS, DAN BOSKO - ACOLYTES

ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE MUSIC: "SOLEMN PRELUDE" HANDEL
"GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD" STAINER

PLEASE REMAIN SILENT DURING ORGAN CHIMES

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 21 "JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE"

*ACCOLYTE - CHORAL AMEN

*EXHORTATION

*CONFESSION (IN UNISON) "O LORD, WHOSE WAY IS PERFECT, HELP US, WE PRAY THEE, ALWAYS TO TRUST IN THY GOODNESS; THAT, WALKING WITH THEE AND FOLLOWING THEE IN ALL SIMPLICITY, WE MAY POSSESS QUIET AND CONTENTED MINDS, AND MAY CAST ALL OUR CARE UPON THEE, FOR THOU CAREST FOR US; FOR THE SAKE OF JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN."

*KYRIE (CHOIR, CONGREGATION AND PASTOR)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON - CHORAL AMEN

*PRAISE

*PASTOR: "O LORD OPEN OUR LIPS."

*PEOPLE: AND OUR MOUTH SHALL SHOW FORTH THY PRAISE

*DOXOLOGY No. 551

SCRIPTURE: GALATIANS 3: 26- 4:7

HYMN OF THE MONTH No. 129 "THOU DIDST TEACH THE THROU'ING PEOPLE"

*AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)

*GLORIA PATRI

CALL TO PRAYER

*PASTOR: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

*PEOPLE: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.

PASTOR: LET US PRAY.

PRAYER AND PRAYER RESPONSE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "ADAGIO"

LIBET

ANTHEM: "LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED"

CHOIR

SOLO - HOWDY BOLAM

SERMON: "THE INHERITANCE: FATHER"

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 8 "PRAISE YE THE LORD"

*BENEDICTION AND THREE FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE "POSTLUDE" VOLCKMAR

*CONGREGATION STANDING

THE LOVELY FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN PLACED BY MRS. ANN WILLIAMS IN MEMORY OF "LOVED ONES"

SERVING AS USHERS TODAY ARE: *ROBBIE VINROE, BOB DELLEN, BRIAN PRABE, STEVE SMITH.

DEACONESS MRS. ANN WILLIAMS WILL REPRESENT COUNCIL AT THE DOOR TODAY.

NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED TODAY BY: MRS. JOY SNYDER, MRS. JEAN FENCIL, AND SHERRY McCLIMANS.

THE ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY WAS 199.

TONIGHT 7-9 YOUTH MEETING.

TUES. - VOLLEYBALL - 8:00 P.M. - ST. PAUL'S GYM.

WED. - 7:30 - LENTEN SERVICE

THURS. - 7:00 - BIBLE STUDY

WED. - GOLDEN CIRCLE MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED FOR THIS WEEK, BUT LET'S MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO ATTEND THE LENTEN SERVICE.

OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY TO MRS. JOHN WILSON, FAMILY AND FRIENDS ON THE DEATH OF HER HUSBAND.

LILIES WILL BE ORDERED SHORTLY - THE PRICE WILL BE \$5.25. THEY WILL BE ORDERED FROM A DIFFERENT PLACE THIS YEAR AND THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO BE AT LEAST 3 BLOOMS. LET BEA TAIT KNOW IF YOU SHOULD WANT ONE. PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES ARE IN THE OFFICE NOW - IF YOU HAD YOUR PICTURE TAKEN FOR THE NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY YOU HAVE A BOOK COMING - PLEASE STOP IN THE OFFICE TODAY AND PICK IT UP.

IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHURCH NEW MEMBERS WILL BE RECEIVED ON PALM SUNDAY. PLEASE EITHER DROP A NOTE IN THE OFFERING PLATE, CONTACT THE PASTOR OR BEA TAIT AND THEY WILL BE CONTACTED. NEXT SUNDAY WILL BE BAPTISM OF INFANTS - IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOUR BABY BAPTIZED PLEASE LEAVE SOMEONE IN THE OFFICE KNOW TODAY OR FIRST OF THE WEEK.

NEXT SUNDAY WILL BE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING - ENVELOPES CAN BE DROPPED IN THE OFFERING PLATE ANY SUNDAY THIS MONTH.

also via altar/

DAVID KHAVER BIRTHDAY TOMORROW.

NO BLDG. PLANNING COMM. NEXT SUNDAY 7:00

MARY SNOW HILLIARD BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

"The Inheritance: Father"

Text: Ex. 6:7b I WILL BE 2 U. GOD: 'YE SHALL KNOW THAT I AM THE LORD UR GOD & YE BRINGEN U OUT FROM U IN THE BURNING OF THE BRITAINS.

Scripture: Galatians 3:27 - 4:7

TEXT: This G speak 2 Mos & He tell Isites He Father, head of them, He 2 B revered, honored etc.

Diffi find deriv term Father & convey all meanings
Idea Fath, gra gradu with Isites, & Js Xp made common
Isites awed by G & no speak name,

1st ~~xxxx~~ term YHWH, no vowel,
This grv out pagan relig & Babylon culture ancient
hymns say, "FATHER OF THE LAND"

Canaanite culture worship "El" as the all-father
El name Isites call Gof in develop of name

but they refine this & think of B Sons of G by
adoption, this found Ex 4:22-23 READ

& after Fatherhood of God break from pagan assoc
it found more frequent-Isa 63:16, 64:8, Mal 1:6

This all giv sum idea how cam about

Personal touch of G as Fath found 2 Sam 7:14, & G

speak thru Nathan 2 Dav & tell son Solomon reign,
Js intensify this with ABBA FATH - aramaic, Father,

or the Father, & use this in Galatian

Used by Js 2 show from whom cum things etc.

(Illus boy lost department store)

Many fathers, or Gods, but only 1 Almighty God

this G luv us, care 4 us, concern 4 us

but ther thoz Bliev may act Bhav & G accept all

(Illus fr impostor)

we peep lik this, claim G but donot know Him

No proper relationship with Him

Can only hav relationship if seek things of Him,

His Word, His purp 4 lif, His luv thru Js,

We must feed spirit food much lik phys food

but also 1 other thing need determ 4 livs & this

assure us of G B Father,

(Illus Father is your face toward me?)

Just as ask this of G, He say, "SEEK MY FACE."

only as seach individ harts can know wher stand in

relation ~~xxxx~~ The Inheritance: of God, as Father

Let us seek His face & mak that determ 2day.

"The Inheritance: Father"

Text: Exodus 6:7b I WILL BE TO YOU A GOD: AND YE SHALL KNOW THAT I AM THE LORD
YOUR GOD WHICH BRINGETH YOU OUT FROM UNDER THE BURDENS OF THE
EGYPTIANS.

Scripture: Galations 3:27 - 4:7

(Read Text). This is God speaking to Moses and what He is telling him to convey to the Israelites is not merely that He is God, but that He is more than this. He is a provider, He is the Head of them. He is to be revered and respected and honoured. We need to look at the derivation of this and it becomes very difficult to completely explain or to place into words which we can understand. There are times when sermons come together very easily and without too much difficulty. But when we begin to try to fathom all of the aspects that can be related to the Fatherhood of God, we are confronted with a difficult task to say the least. Therefor, I trust that if we leave any loose ends this morning, we will understand that to convey all ~~the~~ the name "Father" implies in relationship to Almighty God, is well nigh to impossible to cover in a lifetime, let alone one sermon. So with this in mind let us look at the derivation of the Inheritance God has given to mankind along the lines of "Father."

The idea of Father, grew gradually with the Israelites, in fact it only came into common usage with the advent of Jesus Christ who spoke of God in this way. The Israelites were so awed by the presence of God that they used different terms to address Him, all of which was the building of one term upon another to express Him more fully, feeling that the previous thoughts and ideas and terms were completely inadequate to express Him. They held God in such fear and reverence that they at one point refused to even mention or strive to apply a term to Him. The very first term which was applied to God was merely ~~xxxxxxxx~~
Hebrew
four letters, YHWH. These were without vowels as Hebrew writing was handed down and so in order to make some semblance of sense, vowels had to be inserted and so we have the name YAHWEH. But this actually grew out of the pagan religions which surrounded the Israelites and the idea of a god being a Father developed from the Babylonian culture. For instance we can trace to ancient hymns of the Babylonians their deity addressed as "Father of the Land." And in the

Canaanite culture and worship the name of "El" as the all-father. El was another name ^{or} title which the Israelites began to call God. But in these ancient cultures the idea of the god being a blood relative was developed and the Israelites incorporated this thought into their religion, but they also refined it and defined the thinking along the lines of being Sons of God, by adoption. We find this as developing in the appeal to Pharaoh to let the Israelites go, and in particular in Exodus 4:22-23, (read this). Now after the idea of the Fatherhood of God was completely freed from its pagan associations, it was used much more frequently as found in Isaiah 63:16, 64:8, and Malachi 1:6. This then gives us some idea of how this all came about.

The personal touch of God being a Father is vividly expressed in 2 Samuel 7:14, where God is speaking through His prophet Nathan, and telling him to convey to David that his son Solomon who would ascend the throne after him is to be, (read this verse.) The relationship is established here. So this thinking intensifies up to the coming of Jesus Christ into the world and it is He who actually places mankind's thinking in the proper perspective with relationship to God as "Father". Jesus uses the term ~~Abba~~ ^{Abba} which Paul in his letter to the Galatians reiterates, and this term means "The Father" or "Father". It is used by Jesus to show that God is one from whom comes blessings and gifts and especially love. God is therefore thought of in terms ^{human} ~~which~~ which the human minds and life can identify with. We all have or had an earthly Father. And so to think ~~in terms~~ of God in such terms, conjures up in our minds what a Father should ~~be~~ is and what he stands for.

(Illustration of little boy lost in store & calls Father's name).

This is how we need to think of God. There are many fathers in the world. Many of them in name only because some are not the proper fathers they should be. But there is only one Father who loves all His children, regardless of whether they are good or bad. A father who is patient with us when we slip and fall. A father who is hurt when we are hurt, and who suffers when we suffer. A Father who never will let His children down even though they so often let Him down.

But there are those who believe that just because this Father exists, they may live and act anyway they choose and God will just accept this and them.

(Illustration of Junior the Imposter)

Many people claim that God is their Father, and are just as guilty as this young man. But in order to address the Father of creation, an individual must have accepted the truths about Him and must have gotten into a proper relationship with Him. We do this by seeking the things of God and not the things of this world. Too often the things of this world dim our minds and our thinking, because we are attracted by the glitter and tinsel the world always has to offer. But, life is to be lived in preparation for the hereafter, and we should be preparing each day we live. The groundrules are set forth in God's Word and it becomes a spiritual search for us which needs to be fed, much like we feed our physical bodies.

But there is also one other thing we need to determine for our lives and this will assure us of God being our Father.

(Illustration of Father is Your Face Toward Me?)

~~xxxxx~~ We must each ask this of God for He says, "Seek ye my face." ~~xx~~ Only as we search our individual ~~xxx~~ hearts can we know where we stand in relation to the Inheritance of God, as a Father. But let us seek His face and make that determination today.

"The Inheritance: Light"

Text: John 8:12

AND SAKE JESUS AGAIN UNTO THEM, SAYING, I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD: HE THAT FOLLOWETH ME SHALL NOT WALK IN DARKNESS, BUT SHALL HAVE THE LIGHT OF LIFE.

Scripture: John 8:12-20

(Read Text).

Jesus spoke these words at, or during the time of the Feast of Tabernacles. In the 7th chapter of John and the 2nd verse, John identifies this feast and tells of Jesus being there. Then in the 37th verse John tells of Jesus on the last day of the feast declaring Himself to be the water of life. This was an apt illustration, for water played an important role in this feast and was used each morning of the seven actual days of the feast. There was a solemn assembly held on the 8th day, but the Feast of Tabernacles or Booths was a 7 day affair. The illustration of Jesus saying that He was the light of the world was very apropos ~~xxx~~, since light played a significant role in the feast also. The feast was held on the 15th day of the 7th month of the Hebrew calendar. This would mean that the feast was held in the September following the harvest, since the calendar began with March.

But the portion of the Feast with which this passage of scripture is concerned took place each night of the feast. As darkness descended, the four huge Menorah, or ~~xxxxxxxixk~~ candlelabras were lit. The wicks of these candlelabras were made out of the worn out garments of the priests. These huge candlesticks gave forth a tremendous amount of light and illumined the entire Temple area. After the Menorah were lit, ~~xxx~~ those considered as the greatest, the wisest and the holiest men of Israel danced before the Lord and sang Psalms of joy and praise to God, while all the other people watched. The Psalms they used were Psalms 120 to 134. This went on each of the 7 nights of the Feast.

Then ~~xx~~ just before sunrise the priests went to the Eastern gate of the Temple area, and at the exact moment of sunrise, they turned toward the west, and facing the temple recited, "Our fathers when they were in this place turned their faces toward the east; but as for us, our eyes are turned toward the Lord."

Ezekiel speaks of this in the 8th chapter and the 15th verse of his visions. The richness of the candelabras was to symbolize the pillar of fire through which God guided and led the Israelites through the desert by night. It was also said that when these Menorah were lit, ~~the~~ all of the courtyards of Jerusalem were lit by the brilliance of their light.

So what Jesus is saying to them is that He is equally as brilliant as these 4 candelabra. But again the Jews seeking to really determine who He is, tell Him that His record does not show that He is what He ~~ca~~aims to be.

We need to look at the word light as it is found in the Old Testament and then perhaps we can understand a little better what it is the Jews were striving to determine from Jesus. (Illustrations of Scriptural references, #2169 Thompson). The Rabbis declared that the name of the Messiah is light, and so when Jesus was stating that He was the Light, He was laying claim to being the Messiah.

They were telling Him that He bore witness of Himself and this was not admissable as ~~proof~~ to them, vs 13. So Jesus then goes into an explanation about Himself, and tells them He knows where He came from and where He is going, vs 14. He tells them that He is not a judge of anyone, but they judge, vs 15, 16. Then he reminds them of one of their rules which tells that there must ~~xxx~~ be two witnesses to ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ prove something as true. (Illustrations of Deut. 19:15; 17:6; Numbers 35:30).

Isn't it ironic that very shortly after Jesus spoke these words He was brought before Caiaphas the High Priest, and two bribed witnesses were brought forward who bore false witness against Him? And then because of the testimony of these two Jesus was condemned to die. Perhaps inadvertently Jesus was giving these men the ammunition they needed to secure His death warrant.

But Jesus goes on to say that God is His witness, and He Himself is a witness against Himself and so there is no need of other witnesses, vs 18. He concludes this particular discourse with the very familiar accusation He brought against them time after time, when He says, "You do not know Me nor my Father, and if you had known Me you would also know my Father.", vs 19.

What Jesus is trying to tell these people and meeting with little success, is that He is much brighter than any light they have ever seen or had. He identifies Himself with God and in so doing, He is saying that here in Him, in His life, is to be found the fulfillment of all of the scriptures they can throw against Him looking for proof.

Jesus was saying that He was the light, meaning the good that was able to overcome the darkness or evil, in the world. In order to understand perhaps the full implication of what Jesus was trying to say, we need to look at the word He is using. The word in Greek is PHOS. It is the prefix of the word today PHOSPHORUS. The entire Greek word which has to do with the chemical is PHOSPHORUS, which means= ~~xxxx~~ bringer of light. Broken down the word is= PHOS= a light, and PHERAIN= to bear. What Jesus is claiming is that He is the bringer of light, that He is a radiance that is brought about by common means but that is brilliant in its own right. Phosphorus glows in the dark, and thus we see that Jesus is this glowing in the dark. He is the light to overcome the darkness and dispel it, and to show it up for what it is in the lives of people. That because of ~~xxx~~ dim shining in darkness, the darkness is recognizable as sin,

As so many of the sayings of Jesus, we need to look into them and beyond them to really understand what He is saying. To the Jews and the leaders of them He was merely telling nice little anecdotes which had nothing to do with them. He was just a wild eyed no account breacher who came from that nothing place Nazareth and spoke in that uncultured, and ~~uneducated~~ nerve grating Aramaic, with the Galilean drawl... Beside that He was uneducated and to be likened to that other nut that Herod had beheaded, old goofy John what's his name. Jesus was not speaking in metaphors or veiled language, but what He was saying was not basically understood because people did not want to understand what He was saying. They were content in their own comfortable little lives, and they did not want to be threatened out of that comfortable existence. But isn't much of the world and people in general like this today. So people ~~are~~

For the most part want to really look at their lives and then make the necessary changes? Of course not, and the reason of course is that we all become comfortable with who and what we are. It is so much easier to relax with us being just ourselves. And if we decide to look at ourselves in a different way, why, that may mean that I will have to change and ~~alter~~ alter the way I now live. I may have to give up a few things in my life which are not just what they should be. And when we look at Jesus and understand just what He was, and especially what He was saying in this instance, we see that He was speaking of being able to see through the artificiality which many of us have in our lives. He is able to penetrate behind and beyond that facade we put up front to keep the outside from seeing into our lives, and to know us for what we are.

Philip Bliss wrote a hymn which is not included in too many hymnals anymore. We sang it in Sunday School when I was a kid. It had to do with the whole world being in the dark. The name of it was, "The Whole World Was Lost In The Darkness of ____." The chorus of the song goes:

Come to the light, 'tis shining for thee; Sweetly the light has dawned upon me,
Once I was blind, but now I can see; the Light of the world is Jesus.

Oh how we sang that in Sunday School, and oh how the world needs this message just as much now. We need to understand that God in giving to mankind the Inheritance we have, did it by bringing Light into the darkened world. That ^{and is} light was Jesus Christ. He is still shining in the darkness and the darkness has not been able to overcome it. But the question needs to be asked, "Has He overcome the darkness in our lives, or has the darkness overcome that Light?" Let us look inward and seek the answer which only we ourselves can give.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 26, 1976
THE REV. RALPH C. LINK, PASTOR
MRS. EUGENE STEPHENSON, ORGANIST
MRS. CYNTHIA SYBERT, JUNIOR CHOIR DIRECTOR
PATTY McWILLIAMS, DAN BOSKO - ACOLYTES

ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE MUSIC: "BENEDICTUS" KARG-ELERT
"COME, YE BLESSED" WILSON
PLEASE REMAIN SILENT DURING ORGAN CHIMES
*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 159 "OUR SINS, OUR SORROWS"
*ASCRPTION - CHORAL AMEN
*EXHORTATION
*CONFESSION (IN UNISON) "HAVE MERCY UPON US, O GOD,
ACCORDING TO THY LOVING-KINDNESS; ACCORDING TO THE
MULTITUDE OF THY TENDER MERCIES BLOT OUT OUR TRANSGRESSIONS,
AND OUR SIN IS EVER BEFORE US. PURGE US AND WE SHALL BE
CLEAN; WASH US AND WE SHALL BE WHITER THAN SNOW. CREATE
IN US CLEAN HEARTS, O GOD, AND RENEW A RIGHT SPIRIT WITHIN
US. CAST US NOT AWAY FROM THY PRESENCE, AND TAKE NOT THY
HOLY SPIRIT FROM US. AMEN."
*KYRIE (CHOIR, CONGREGATION AND PASTOR)
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON - CHORAL AMEN
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*PASTOR: 10 LORD OPEN OUR LIPS.
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PASTOR: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.
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PASTOR: LET US PRAY.
PRAYER AND PRAYER RESPONSE
OFFERING
OFFERTORY: "God's Morning" CLARKE
BAPTISM OF INFANTS

ANTHEM: "IN PASTURES GREEN" JUNIOR CHOIR -
SOLO - LLOYD LINK

SERMON: "THE INHERITANCE: ADOPTION"
PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER
*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 289 "SOLDIERS OF CHRIST, ARISE"
*BENEDICTION AND THREE FOLD AMEN
ORGAN POSTLUDE "TO GOD ALONE BE HIGHEST PRAISE" BACK
- - - - - *CONGREGATION STANDING - - - - -
THE LOVELY FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN PLACED BY
THE CARL HOLLEPREUND FAMILY IN MEMORY OF "LOVED ONES"
SERVING AS USHERS TODAY ARE: "DON KINGSLEY, DARYL
TAIT, JOHN DREHER, GARY PENAR AND RICHARD MANGEL,
DEACON AND MRS. DONALD KENNEDY WILL REPRESENT COUNCIL
AT THE DOOR TODAY.
NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED TODAY BY MRS. VIRGINIA MANGEL,
MRS. MARTHA DEREWICKI AND JODIE MARTE.
BAPTIZED TODAY: BRANDY LYNN HOLT - BORN FEB. 26, 1976
DAUGHTER OF MR. & MRS. PAUL HOLT. JUSTIN PAUL SHEPPECK
SON OF MR. & MRS. WILLIAM SHEPPECK - BORN NOV. 24, 1975.
TONIGHT - 6:30 - JUNIOR CHOIR PRACTICE.
TONIGHT - 7-9 - YOUTH FELLOWSHIP
MONDAY - 7:00 - WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP BOARD MEETING.
NEXT SUNDAY - (APR. 4) CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AFTER
CHURCH TO VOTE ON BILL OHL AS YOUTH DIRECTOR. THE
COUNCIL HAS RECOMMENDED THAT WE ELECT BILL TO CONTINUE
THROUGH THE YEAR AS THE YOUTH DIRECTOR AND DIRECTOR
OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.
TODAY IS ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING - IF YOU FORGOT YOUR
ENVELOPE, THERE ARE EXTRA ONES IN THE NARTHEX. THIS
WILL FINISH UP THE GIFTS TO OGNs TODAY.
MRS. EMMA HEGINBOTHAM WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE CONGRE-
GATION FOR FLOWERS, CARDS AND GET WELL WISHES AND
A SPECIAL THANKS TO REV. LINK.
MRS. EDWARD KING WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS HER THANKS
TO THE CONGREGATION FOR THEIR PRAYERS AND CARDS FOR
MR. KING WHEN HE WAS A PATIENT AT ALLEGHENY GEN. HOSP.
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HAVING A LILY FOR THE ALTAR
FOR EASTER - NOW IS THE TIME TO ORDER IT. THE LILIES
WILL ONLY BE \$3.25 THIS YEAR SINCE THEY ARE BEING
PURCHASED FROM SOMEONE DIFFERENT THIS YEAR. THEY
WILL HAVE AT LEAST THREE BLOOMS.
IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHURCH
LET SOMEONE IN THE OFFICE KNOW. PALM SUNDAY NEW
MEMBERS WILL BE RECEIVED.
3 RODIN KHAOU BIRTHDAY TOMORROW / WELCOME
3 BLUE PLANNING COME TONIGHT / VISITORS

Ex. 6:7a

6 k 2 Isites 2 tell spec1 neon 2 Nim,

This letter says churchs Asia Min, (ASIA MINOR PLAT)

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(Tilus Bath 2h Conn)

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If let G possess us all say I do,

Then we can truthfully know the Inheritance of God,
as His adopted children.

"The Inheritance: Adoption"

Texts. Exodus 6:7a, And I will take you to me for a people.

1 Peter 2:9,10, But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness and into His marvelous light: which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God.

(READ ~~TEXT~~ from Exodus).

God is speaking to the Israelites and telling them that they are to be a special people to Him. This is a part of the Inheritance He is giving to them, but it is contingent upon their keeping of the Covenant. They are His children, and will be His people if they keep the law. But we need to understand that with the advent of Jesus Christ, the law was abolished and people no longer needed to be slaves to that law or the old Covenant. The New Covenant was established, and this was the adoption of the believer into the family of God.

This is what Peter is saying to the churches in Asia Minor as we read in the 9th and ~~10th~~ 10th verses of our Scripture for this morning. (Read these verses) Peter is telling the Christians of these individual churches that they are a special group of people. They are not just anybody, but they are now chosen, selected, and here is that thinking again, they have been brought from darkness to light. This then sets them apart. The Greek word for this special people is the word ~~laos~~, which means "a body of people, a multitude, the common people, a nation of people." Thus we see it is not only each person individually, but the group of people.

So if we look at it in this light we see that Peter is speaking to the Christians as a group, as a church, and individually on a one to one basis. As we look at what Peter had to say about this adoption by God, we can see that there are three main areas which are covered here. The first is, ~~that being chosen by God is a~~ ^{that being chosen by God is a} ~~privilege.~~ ^{privilege.}

~~Christians are chosen by God.~~ The second is that being chosen requires obedience. ~~And the third is that being chosen means~~ And the third is that being chosen means that a person is possessed by God.

To be chosen by God as one of His children, or as a son of God is a distinct privilege. It is something that entails a different kind of discipline of life than is engendered by the world in other areas. The reason why many, many more

people do not become members of the church is because they are not willing to accept the privilege of membership. And it is that, a privilege. In the Church Jesus Christ offers to each person the privilege of a new and better relationship with God. This is a responsibility that not every ~~xxxxxxx~~ one can bear, and even many who join the Church are willing to bear it. Have you ever analyzed why some people join the Church and then do not bother to come, except on special occasions or very sporadically? The answers may be varied, and can be very complex. But to make it as simple as possible to understand, those who are members and rather inactive, are people who do not count it a privilege to be a part of the chosen body of Christ.

(Illustration of Roman Catholic church in Conn. & paper sent to members).

This may be good for a few laughs with some of the inactive members, and I am sure it would amount to a source of irritation for still others. But for those who do not count it a privilege to be a part of God's chosen group, it would simply be ignored and disposed of in the same way other sources of irritation are gotten rid of.

To be obedient as a member of God's select group is to live up to the fullest that God desires from His children. As a member of Christ's church we are to be active and to participate in its services and use our abilities for the Lord. We do this not because our salvation is based upon our works, meaning that we do not, ~~xxx~~ work our way to heaven. Nor can we earn it by working for it. But we labor in the Church because ~~xxx~~ of our love for the Lord, and for providing us with salvation.

(Illustration of savage warrior and too old to work as a Christian)

The confusion of this man helps us to understand that it is not the keeping of a ritualistic set of laws, nor a conformity to certain restrictions that makes a Christian obedient to the Lord in His Church. But instead it is being an active participant in the affairs of the Church which shows our obedience. But there is another mistaken notion taken by others and that is the idea that since we do not work for our salvation it is not necessary to do any works at

all.

(Illustration of football coach & 22 tired men, & 40,000 in need of exercise)
This is the state of affairs in most ~~xxx~~ of our churches today. ~~xxxxxxx~~ When we consider the paid attendance to the number of actual participants we often see a small group of workers struggling on the field while the rest of the congregation is on the sidelines eating hotdogs and popcorn.

The strategy which God has for His program does not call for only professionals to do the job, but for everyone to do a certain job or task.

(Illustration of Tribal chief in Africa telling tribe if not better by being Christians, then they could not become Christians).

What he was saying was a basic fact of Christianity. This fact is that being a Christian and a member of the Christian community should make us live in such a way that the world can see God in our lives. And they should be able to see God in us individually, as well as when we meet collectively. If this is true, then there is evidence of God's people being possessed by God.

This type of life becomes a reality when we actively seek to live life as God has set it forth to be lived. This means a new and stronger desire to improve our selves, and in particular to improve how we live. We need to be drawing closer to God through the reading and meditating upon His Word. We need to be conversing with Him in prayer. We need to be showing our love toward all of His children regardless of how they may treat us. It means a complete submission of our wills to His will.

(Illustration of Abraham Lincoln and visiting wounded and dying).

Here was a man who did not attempt to evade responsibilities, and who made himself available to the needs of others. Mr. Lincoln showed by his life, a possession by God which few presidents have shown.

Thus if we count it a privilege to be a member of Christ's Church, and we are obedient to ~~xxxx~~ how He would have us live, and if we let God possess us in all we are and do and say; then we can truthfully know the Inheritance of God as His adopted children.

"The Inheritance: Shepherd"

Text: Jn 10:11, I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD: THE GOOD
SHEPHERD GIVES HIS LIFE 4 HIS SHEEP
p. Jn 10:11-18

(Read Text)

Js made statement & then explain in detail
He say, "I hav good news & bad news"
1st bad news vss 12,13,
Satan=1 who only work 4 wages pd, a pers who will
follo any1 orders 4 pay, a mercenary
Js say good sheps & bad sheps
bad sheps only hired help
Js describ danger 3 shep sales, wolves wild anims
shep respons 4 sheep, had sho pruf wat happen them
(Script illustrations)
Ireland no do job as real shep & this Js say
I AM THE GOOD SHEP= shep kno floc & they kno Him &
she lay down lif 4 sheep *vs-14.*
Dr. Thomson book Land & Book tell shep stories, & 1
bout shep 3 Bedouin robbers hack pcs in flock sheep
Js say literal truth bout shepherding,
he 1 almost born 28 shep, he tend as soon old enuf
He knew sheep by name
(Illus Scottish shepherd & names of sheep)
This Good shep Js speak bout
Wen mak compar Btween good & false & diff
Js then tell other sheep vs 16
Wat say-Jews no hav exclus sheepfold, but one 2 other
He speak Gentiles & that you & me
Prob another reason well disliked
Jews were exclus & believ market corner with Messiah
Js speak other sheep given salv He couldnot 3
the Messiah
But can understand that Js say & mak provis 4 thoz
who cum 2 Him, who outside Jew fold
(Illus Gerrton Young missionary to indians Saskatch)
Vividly show wat try to say,
Js ident as good shep & as such prov leadship flock
Equally import fact he spok of 3 shep others
Bsid the Jews.
Thus new & unique relationship founded by Js Ip.
he giv 2 mankind the Inherit from G,
as established thru Him, the Shepherd.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA

MARCH 31, 1976

THE REV. RALPH C. LINK, PASTOR
MRS. EUGENE STEPHENSON, ORGANIST
MR. RALPH COOPER, CHOIR DIRECTOR
PATTY MCWILLIAMS, DAN BOSKO - ACOLYTES

ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE MUSIC: "BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD" HANDEL
"PASTORALE IN C" WELBY

SILENT MEDITATION

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 467 "I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY"

*ASCRIPTION - CHORAL AMEN

*INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 10: 11-18

*GLORIA PATRI

EVENING PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "GENTLE SHEPHERD" BLAKE

HYMN No. 466 "HE LEADETH ME"

SERMON: "THE INHERITANCE: SHEPHERD"

*HYMN No. 472 "WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS"

*BENEDICTION

*THREEFOLD AMEN

*POSTLUDE "POSTLUDE IN G" READ

----- *CONGREGATION STANDING -----

IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WANTING TO JOIN THE CHURCH -
PLEASE CONTACT THE PASTOR OR SECRETARY OR PUT A SLIP
IN THE OFFERING PLATE. NEW MEMBERS WILL BE TAKEN IN
ON PALM SUNDAY.

GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST FOR MEN - 6:00 A.M. - YMCA -
J. WALTER HARMON AND KENNETH WEITZEL HAVE TICKETS
FOR \$1.50 - THE REV. C. KENNETH HALL WILL BE SPEAKER.

GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST FOR WOMEN - 7:30 A.M. - YWCA
AUDITORIUM - GUEST SPEAKER: REV. EDGAR R. JONES FROM
PITTS. THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY. "THE MODERN AND THE
MIRACULOUS" SPECIAL MUSIC BY MRS. PAUL HOSBAUGH, ORGANIST;
YWCA GOLDEN AGE CHORUS; HILL UP BELL CHOIR - \$1.00
RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED - CALL BEFORE YOU ARE DISAPPOINTED
YOU CANNOT GET TICKETS.

"The Inheritance: Shepherd"

Text: John 10:11, "I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD: THE GOOD SHEPHERD GIVES HIS LIFE FOR THE SHEEP, WHICH..."

Scripture: John 10:11-18

(Lead Text). XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
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Jesus made this statement first. Then He began to explain this to them in a bit of detail. But perhaps to put it in terms which we can understand better, He was saying, "I have some good news, and I have some bad news." "First the bad news." (Read vs 12,13,). Jesus was speaking of someone who worked for pay. The dictionary identifies the word hireling, which is what is used in these verses, as one, "Who only works for ~~pay~~ the wages he is paid;" and, "a person who will follow anyone's orders for pay, a mercenary." So Jesus is saying there are good shepherds and there are bad shepherds. But the bad shepherds cannot really be identified as a shepherd, since they are only the hired help. The person identified as the shepherd is the one who owns the flock. ~~He is the one who has bought and paid for the sheep; he is the one who has bought~~
Jesus is making a distinction here between those who only work at the job as a shepherd, and those who really are shepherds.

Jesus is describing in very real terms the dangers of being a shepherd in Palestine. There was always the very real and present danger of wolves, and the separation of shepherd and hired worker took place when the flock was in danger. The shepherd was absolutely responsible for the sheep. If anything happened to them, he had to produce visible proof that what took place was not his fault. ~~xxxxx~~ He had to show something left over from the sheep as proof of how the animal had died. Amos tells a portion of this when he uses the ~~comparisons of~~ ~~the duties of a shepherd as~~ an illustration in Amos 3:12, As the shepherd taketh out of the mouth of the lion two legs, or a piece of an ear." The Mosaic law had a provision in it that a person taking care of

sheep or livestock had to produce a portion of it as proof it was killed and thus he did not have to replace it. We read this in Exodus 22:13, "If it be torn in pieces, then let him bring it for witness and he shall not make good that which was torn." This way the shepherd showed that he was unable to prevent the death of the animal. David told Saul how he had battled both lion and bear when tending his father's sheep. And Isaiah speaks of a group of shepherds banding together and going out after a lion who was killing sheep.

So what Jesus is striving to convey is that a person who is merely at the task of tending sheep strictly for the pay, is not going to do the same job as the real shepherd who owns the flock.

Then Jesus says, "How the good news." The good news is that the shepherd knows his flock, and the flock know him, and if necessary the good shepherd will sacrifice his life for the sheep.

A Dr. Thomson who studied Palestine fairly thoroughly and who wrote a book entitled, "The Land and the Book," wrote how the shepherds were very active in protecting their flocks. He told of one shepherd who fought with 3 Bedouin robbers between Tiberias and Tabor, and he was hacked to pieces among the sheep he was defending. So what Jesus was saying was a literal truth about shepherding. A real shepherd was one who was almost born to be a shepherd. He was sent out with the flock as soon as he was old enough to go. He knew the sheep very often by name.

(Illustration of Scottish shepherd and knowing his sheep.)

This was the good shepherd which Jesus was speaking about. But when we compare this shepherd with the false shepherd, we see that he was in it for reasons of benefits, or security, or whatever he could get out of it. Sometimes these were men hiding from the law. But he was not about to lose his life for one of those stupid sheep entrusted to him. So then we have the comparison Jesus was trying to make.

But Jesus continues on with these thoughts and tells of other sheep, vs 16.

What He was saying to them was that this sheepfold was not exclusively for the Jews, but was open to other people as well. And when He said that He had other

sheep which were not of this fold, He was speaking about the Gentiles. That means you and me. This is probably another reason why He was so well disliked. The Jews were an exclusive people, and they believed they had the market cornered with the Messiah. And so when Jesus began to speak of coming to provide salvation for others, and in particular Gentiles, ~~why~~ why then He couldn't be the promised Messiah.

But we can ~~xxxxxxx~~ understand from what Jesus is saying that God is making provision for those who would come to Him, and who are outside the Jewish fold.

(Illustration of Egerton Young, missionary to Indians in Saskatchewan)

I think this shows very vividly what I have been striving to express. Jesus identified Himself as the Good Shepherd, and as such was striving to prove His leadership of the flock of God. But equally important was the fact that He spoke of being the Shepherd of others besides the Jews. Thus a new and unique relationship was founded by Christ. He was giving to mankind The Inheritance of God, as established through Him as the Shepherd.

"The Inheritance: Restoration"

Text: John 11:25, Jesus said unto her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he
26 that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.
And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

Scripture: John 11:14-27

We have now come to another very important parts of God's Inheritance for mankind and this was given again through Jesus Christ. In our scripture for this evening Jesus speaking to Martha states something which is utterly foreign to her and has eluded even the smartest minds in the world. What He stated can only be understood and comprehended by someone who is thinking along spiritual lines, whereas most people think in intellectual terms.

But before we expound what He said perhaps we need to backtrack in the chapter and look at what was taking place. In the portion of scripture we read Jesus begins by telling them that His friend Lazarus is dead. The scripture preceeding this tells of Lazarus being sick and word being sent to Jesus about this. He explains in vs 4, that there was a purpose in mind for this illness. In vs 6 almost sounds as though Jesus waited deliberately to be certain that Lazarus would die so that He could perform the feat He had intended. So He informs His disciples that He is going back to Judea and they question His thinking along these lines. In vs 11 He tells them that Lazarus is dead, but they think He is speaking of resting since He uses the term sleeping. They in turn question that since Lazarus is sleeping he is gaining his strength back, and it is at this point that Jesus must tell them frankly and sincerely that Lazarus is not asleep, but He is instead dead.

He explains that because He was not there, they would be able to see the power of God, vs 15. And so He arrives and finds that Lazarus has been dead for 4 days. Somehow or other Martha felt that had Jesus been there her brother would not have died, and she says as much to Him, vs 21,22. She acts like she is half expecting a miracle in vs 22.

His words of reassurance to her are that Lazarus will rise again, vs 23.

She answers Him in a rather classical way vs 24, and I am sure that some of it really loses its true meaning in being translated. She probably answered, "Oh sure, he's going to rise again. What do you think I am believing this?"

He is going to rise at the final resurrection if there is one."

It is at this point that we need to look at how the Jews felt and believed about life beyond death. The scriptures in the Old Testament are full of references to their beliefs.

(Illustrations of scriptures about this, Barclay, Daily Study Bible, Jn Vol 2, 102) and so it is at this point that ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Martha and the others assembled hear the words that were to break forth upon them like a bolt of lightning. This ~~xx~~ particular event took place approximately one month before he was crucified, died and rose himself from the grave. It is at this point that Jesus stands on the threshold of performing the greatest feat he has ever performed. But it is his words which stand out in this incident. The incident itself although spectacular, is anticlimactic.

He is saying I am that which comes back to life, I am life period. He that sincerely accepts me for what I am, even for all intents and purposes he is dead in his sins, hopelessly lost in life, he is going to live. And whoever is living and being a follower of mine shall never die. He did not mean they would not taste death, but that for them there was life promised and prepared and death was merely a passage from one room to another.

(Illustration of Tokichi Ishii criminal and murderer)

Here is an example of Restoration which takes place through Christ. This is what Jesus was talking about. A once hopeless life is suddenly made hopeful. A once wasted individual is suddenly a worthwhile creature. But it need not always be this dramatic and sudden. It can happen in small ways too where a person realizes that life lived beyond what God would have for us is pointless, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ It is at this point that perhaps that person is pointed to the Saviour and what He did for mankind. This is what God is saying when He spoke to the Israelites and said, "I will save you, I will redeem you and so on." It is also what Jesus is reiterating when He says, "I am the resurrection and the life." This is ~~xxxx~~ ^{our} Inheritance, through the Restoration brought about by Jesus Christ.

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT APRIL 4, 1976
THE REV. RALPH C. LINK, PASTOR
MRS. EUGENE STEPHENSON, ORGANIST
MR. RALPH COOPER, CHOIR DIRECTOR
BRENDA MARBURGER, RICKY VINROE - ACOLYTES

ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE MUSIC: "JESUS, WORD OF GOD INCARNATE" MOZART
"O DIVINE REDEEMER" GOUNOD

PLEASE REMAIN SILENT DURING ORGAN CHIMES

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 272 "LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES
EXCELLING"

*ASCRPTION - CHORAL AMEN

*EXHORTATION

*CONFESSION (IN UNISON) "ETERNAL GOD, HOW OFTEN WE HAVE
PRAYED FOR THE COMING OF THY KINGDOM, YET WHEN IT HAS
BOUGHT TO COME THROUGH US WE HAVE SOMETIMES BARRED THE
WAY: WE HAVE WANTED IT TO COME IN OTHERS, BUT NOT IN OUR
OWN HEARTS. WE FEEL IT IS WE WHO STAND BETWEEN MAN'S NEED
AND THINE; BETWEEN OURSELVES AND WHAT WE MIGHT BE; AND WE
HAVE NO TRUST IN OUR OWN STRENGTH, OR LOYALTY, OR COURAGE.
O GIVE US POWER TO LIVE THY WILL, AND SEEK THY KINGDOM
FIRST OF ALL. AMEN."

*KYRIE (CHOIR, CONGREGATION AND PASTOR)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON - CHORAL AMEN

*PRAISE

*PASTOR: O LORD OPEN OUR LIPS.

*PEOPLE: AND OUR MOUTH SHALL SHOW FORTH THY PRAISE

*DOXOLOGY No. 551

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 1: 67-80

HYMN No. 153 "A-LAB! AND DID MY SAVIOUR BLEED"

*AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)

*GLORIA PATRI

CALL TO PRAYER

PASTOR: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

PEOPLE: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.

PASTOR: LET US PRAY.

PRAYER AND PRAYER RESPONSE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "MELODY IN G"

STICKLES

ANTHEM: "COULD YE NOT WATCH WITH ME?" HAMBLEN

SOLO- DICK BARTON

SERMON: "THE INHERITANCE: REDEMPTION"

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 462 "JESUS, KEEP ME NEAR THE
CROSS"

*BENEDICTION AND THREE FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "RIGAUDON" HEGARTY

*CONGREGATION STANDING

THE LOVELY FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN PLACED BY
CAROL NOEL TO THE "GLORY OF GOD"

SERVING AS USHERS TODAY ARE "ALLEN BOTACCHI, JOHN

REDMAN, DAN BOSKO, ROBERT KNAUER, CHARLES PENAR.

MR. & MRS. WILLIAM THOMPSON WILL BE THE GREETERS AT
THE DOOR TODAY.

THE ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY WAS 273.

NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED TODAY BY: MRS. ISABEL

HOCKENBERRY, MRS. DRJ RENSEL AND SHELLY HOCKENBERRY.

TONIGHT - 6:30 - YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL.

TONIGHT - 7-9 - YOUTH FELLOWSHIP MEETING.

MONDAY - 8:45 - VOLLEYBALL

MONDAY - 7:30 - WOMEN'S MARY PRUGH CIRCLE MEETING.

MONDAY - 12:00 P.M. - STEWARDSHIP TASK FORCE MEETING

WED. - 7:30 - LENTEN SERVICE

WED. - RIGHT AFTER LENTEN SERVICE - COUNCIL MEETING.

THURS. - THE NEWLETTER WILL BE PUBLISHED - PLEASE

HAVE ALL MATERIAL IN BY WEDNESDAY.

THURS. - 7:00 - BIBLE STUDY IN THE UNDERCROFT.

FRI. - 6:30 - ARC CLASS - SPAGHETTI DINNER - PRICE

IS \$1.75 - RESERVATIONS DUE TODAY. CONTACT EVELYN

KENNEDY IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING.

OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS

OF MRS. RALPH DREHER (AMELIA) WHO PASSED AWAY THIS

WEEK.

THIS IS THE LAST TIME YOU CAN SIGN UP FOR LILIES

PLEASE CONTACT BEA IN THE OFFICE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED

THE PRICE IS \$3.25.

FAITH TO FAITH PROGRAM WILL BEGIN TUES. APRIL 20 -

DETAILS WILL BE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD.

GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST FOR MEN - 6:00 A.M. - YMCA -

J. WALTER HARMON AND KENNETH WEITZEL HAVE TICKETS.

BREAKFAST FOR WOMEN - 7:30 A.M. - YMCA - SPECIAL

MUSIC- SPEAKER- REV. EDGAR R. JONES - RESERVATIONS

MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE.

"The Inheritance: Redemption"

Ex. 6:6c, I WILL REDEEM U WITH A STRETCHED OUT ARM,

Scripture: Luke 1:67-80

(Re TEXT)

G say add 2 Inherit deimension of REDEMPTION
2 Redeem is to purchase bak, 2 recov by pay fee.
As u in Ex has 2 do G redeem peop from Egyptians
But we C thru C G do this & cum 2 WT & morn Scriptue
Luk giv acct birth Jn Bap & dedic in Temp & read
prophecy of Zacharias concern child
Zach guid by 2 Sp say vs 57-63

This declar thru this birth 1 is 2 cum after,
G's proms 2 Moses & Isites 34 deliv from Egypt had
been completely fulfilled
Wen think this, cannot help B overwhelm by G provis
2 C this must underst REDEMPTION & wat mean scrip
REDEMPTION=3 Gr words

1. REDEMPTION=but in market place, like food, cloth, slave
something offer 4 sale in market
In this sense man look at 3 slave sold under sin
Kno this better if C how G prom deliv peop
Wen G say, REDEMPTION He say purchase release as slav Egypt
But also kno His proms 2 3rd, 4th gener thoz luv Him
& no surpr wen Isites 2 captiv again & again He
Redeen wen turn 2 Him
Cum 2 Mt & C G burden 4 mankind great & G must purchas
thus Js Ap bought & purchas mankind marketpl
We hot paid 4, 1 slav 2 sin end wen accept gift G free

2. REDEMPTION=buy out of market, tak & remov from furth
sale, 2 elimin from 3 sold again, 1 shot deal no repe
(Illustration Richard Roe Heated)

3. 1 did thru sacrif Js Ap,
Tremend pric pay 4 sin & remov from marketpl of
thoz who accept this gift

3. LUTROO=2 release 4 a price, 2 ransom, redeem, liberate,
release

Commonly used 2 indicate release of slave
(Illustration Mother Hen, chicks saved by mother body)
This good illus wat G do 4 mankind thru suff/death
Js Ap

He cover us, & all who cum 2 Him cover by sacrif,
then go out free from sin

His INHERITANCE giv by G in form of REDEMPTION

"The Inheritance: redemption"

Exodus 6:6c, I WILL REDEEM YOU WITH A STRETCHED OUT ARM, AND WITH GREAT JUDGEMENTS
Scripture: Luke 1:67-80

(Read Text). God is saying that He is adding to His Inheritance the dimension of redemption. To redeem something is to purchase it back, to recover by paying a fee. Used strictly in the context of the book of Exodus it has to do with the actions taken by God to redeem His people from the Egyptians. But using this ~~promise~~ portion of the 6th verse as a promise and following it through all of the history of the Israelites we come to the Scripture for this morning.

Reading in the Gospel of Luke the account of the birth of John the Baptist and his dedication in the Temple we read the portion which tells of the prophecy of his father Zacharias. ~~Zacharias~~ concerning this child. Zacharias under the guidance of the Holy Spirit says, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed His people." By this he is declaring that through this birth and the one to follow very shortly, God's promise to Moses and the Israelites long before they were delivered from the Egyptians had been completely fulfilled. Zacharias goes on to say how John will prepare the way of the Lord Jesus thus fulfilling those other portions of prophecy.

Now when we realize what is being given by God and how it all came about in His plan we cannot help but be overwhelmed by the provision of God for mankind. But in order to understand the full implications of redemption, we need to see just what is meant by it in Scripture.

The word redemption as found in the New Testament is to be found in 3 distinct Greek words. The first word AGORAZO which means to buy in the market place. It has to do with buying something such as food or clothing, or a slave. Something that is offered for sale in the market. Using it in this sense man is looked upon as being a slave sold under sin. We can understand it better if we think of it in the context of how God promised to deliver His people. When He said, "I will redeem you with a stretched out arm," He was saying that He was going to purchase their release as slaves to the Egyptians. But we know that His promises were to be granted to the third and fourth generations of

those who loved Him. And so it is no real surprise that when the Israelites were once again taken into captivity and they turned to God that He delivered them from that bondage as well. But as we come to the New Testament and especially the arrival of Jesus Christ, we see that God's burden for the sins of mankind is still great. In order to bring mankind into a proper relationship with Him, and make it possible that man could be forgiven for his sin, God had to purchase the individual. Thus when we speak of redemption through Jesus Christ we are speaking of being bought in the market place of life. We have been paid for, and our slavery to sin is ended when we accept this gift God has freely given.

The second word for redemption is, "EXAGORAZO", which means "to buy out of the market, to take it and remove it from further sale. To eliminate it from being sold again." This speaks of the finality of this redemption. Meaning that it was a one shot deal, never to be repeated again. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

(Illustration of King Richard the Lion Hearted)

This is what God did for mankind through the sacrifice of His Son Jesus Christ upon the cross. It was a tremendous price to pay to take the commodity of sin ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ off the marketplace of the lives of those who accept this gift.

The third word is, ~~XXXXX~~ "LUTRO", which means "to release for a price, to ransom, to redeem, deliver, liberate." This word was used commonly to indicate the release of a slave.

(Illustration of The Mother Hen, & chicks saved by the body of mother)

I believe this is what God ~~xxx~~ did for mankind in the ~~xxxxx~~ suffering and death of His Son Jesus Christ. He paid the price and all who come to Him are covered by His sacrifice and go out free, from sin.

This is the Inheritance given to us by God in the form of Redemption.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA

PALM SUNDAY APRIL 11, 1976

THE REV. RALPH C. LINK, PASTOR
MRS. EUGENE STEPHENSON, ORGANIST
MR. RALPH COOPER, CHOIR DIRECTOR
BRENDA MARGURGER, RICKY VINROE - ACOLYTES

ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE MUSIC: "HOSANNAH" DUBOIS
"THE PALMS" FAURE

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 135 "ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR"
*ASCRPTION - CHORAL AMEN

*EXHORTATION

*CONFESSION (IN UNISON) "O LORD, WHOSE WAY IS PERFECT,
HELP US, WE PRAY THEE, ALWAYS TO TRUST IN THY GOODNESS;
THAT, WALKING WITH THEE AND FOLLOWING THEE IN ALL
SIMPLICITY, WE MAY POSSESS QUIET AND CONTENTED MINDS, AND
MAY CAST ALL OUR CARE UPON THEE, FOR THY CAREST FOR US;
FOR THE SAKE OF JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN."

*KYLIE (CHOIR, CONGREGATION AND PASTOR)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON - CHORAL AMEN

*PRAISE

*PASTOR: O LORD OPEN OUR LIPS.

*PEOPLE: AND OUR MOUTH SHALL SHOW FORTH THY PRAISE

*DOXOLOGY No. 551

SCRIPTURE HEBREWS 11: 8-16

HYMN No. 138 "WHEN, HIS SALVATION BRINGING"

CALL TO PRAYER

*PASTOR: THE LORD BE WITH YOU

*PEOPLE: AND WITH THY SPIRIT

*PASTOR: LET US PRAY

PRAYER AND PRAYER RESPONSE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "ADORATION" WELLY

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION: THE CHARGE: THE VOWS:

*THE APOSTLES CREED, (CONGREGATION AND CONFIRMANDS)

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM BRAD AMOS

THE CONFIRMATION PRAYER: THE CONFIRMATION

THE RECEPTION OF ADULT MEMBERS

ANTHEM: "HOSANNA" BY HAMBLEN - SOLO - MRS. VON MALONEY

SONG: "THE INHERITANCE: HOME"

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 136 "HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA"

*BENEDICTION AND THREE FOLD AMEN

*POSTLUDE "FANFARE FOR A FESTIVAL" DILLON

----- *CONGREGATION STANDING -----

THE PALMS HAVE BEEN PLACED ON THE ALTAR IN MEMORY OF
MR. & MRS. JOHN J. SWEENEY BY THE ALVIN TAIT FAMILY.
YOU ARE WELCOME TO HAVE THEM AFTER THE SERVICE - THE
USHERS WILL PASS THEM OUT.

SERVING AS USHERS TODAY ARE: *WALLY FEDER, JOHN SNOW,
MONTY MACKINNEY, HERR SHEARER, STEVE VARGO.

DEACON AND MRS. EARL WOGAN WILL REPRESENT COUNCIL AT
THE DOOR TODAY.

NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED TODAY BY: TOM AND JUDY

MASSART, DORIS ZAVACKY AND LYNNE BOSKO.

THE ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY WAS 237.

WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING PERSONS INTO OUR CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP TODAY.

BY CONFIRMATION: BRAD AMOS

PATTY BAREHORE	DARRYL MASTER
GREG BOSKO	SHARI MCBRIDE
ROGER DAVIS	BRUCE MCGREGOR
RANDY DELLEN	CHRIS PFABE
SCOTT FENCIL	LORI SHEARER
JUDY FERREE	MARGI SHEPPECK
PAM FRY	STEVE SMITH
JODIE MARIE	PAULA STEPHENSON
	DAVID VENSEL

LETTER OF TRANSFER:

EDWARD H. WALKER

PROFESSION OF FAITH:

MRS. ELLEN MAY GAMBLE
MRS. ISABEL HOCKENBERRY
WILLIAM B. HOCKENBERRY
MRS. LILLIAN KRADEL
LEWIS KRADEL
MRS. DORIS WILSON
CHARLES WILSON
MRS. GLORIA NAGY

TONIGHT - 7-9 - YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

WE WISH TO THANK THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP FOR THE FLOWERS
FOR THE CONFIRMANDS TODAY.

TUES. - 8:00 - BASKETBALL.

HOSPITALIZED: MRS. MILDRED BROWN, MRS. RALPH INNETT,
MRS. HELEN DICKSON, MRS. GRACE RIDDLE

"The Inheritance: Home"

Texts: Exodus 6:8a, AND I WILL BRING YOU IN UNTO THE LAND CONCERNING WHICH I DID SWEAR TO GIVE IT TO ABRAHAM, TO ISAAC, AND TO JACOB.

Hebrews 11:16, BUT NOW THEY DESIRE A BETTER COUNTRY, THAT IS, AN HEAVENLY: WHEREFORE GOD IS NOT ASHAMED TO BE CALLED THEIR GOD: FOR HE HATH PREPARED FOR THEM A CITY.

Scripture: Hebrews 11:8-16

God promised another unique promise to the Israelites ~~xxxxx~~ when He said in the beginning of the 8th verse of the 6th chapter of Exodus, (read Ex. Text). He was speaking here of an earthly home for them. A place they could call their own. A land they could use to pasture their flocks and livestock. A place in which they could stretch out and grow and expand. A land good for the raising of children as well. This was to be the heritage that God was going to give to the Israelites and it was a portion of the fulfillment of the promise He made to Abraham and the others who had come before Moses.

Thus it is that when we read in the very familiar chapter of faith, chapter 11, in the book of Hebrews that the author is pointing out the promises of God as fulfilled through the lives of these people of faith. Among them of course and heading the list is Abraham. That we read as scripture speaks to the faith of this great Patriarch and how he lived to see the inheritance promised from God. But instead of seeing the earthly home promised by God, he instead was able to see the spiritual or heavenly home ~~promised~~ instead. He was looking for a city on earth and instead saw the city in heaven. This is what the author of Hebrews is telling us in the 16th verse, (read this). He once again, something that was thought of in the physical sense, takes on the spiritual quality instead.

The Patriarchs lived as nomads, and they never lived a settled life in a settled land. They were constantly on the move and as a result were strangers in strange lands. The Greek word used for them was ~~xxxxxx~~ which was an alien, a stranger living in a strange land. ~~xx~~ A person who had a permanent home somewhere else.

(Illustration of little girl having a home, but not a house to put it in).

This is the plight of the believer. We have a home and it awaits us. But we cannot move there until God calls us. And so when God calls His children ~~they~~

to that heavenly home, He is merely fulfilling over and over again the promise He gave to Moses and the Israelites, "And I will bring you in unto the land concerning which I did swear to give it to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

But also involved in this is the vision which Abraham, and Moses had. They could see beyond the promise that God was in control. They were stirred by the idea of new ideas, new areas, new things. They were not content to stop and become stagnant. Their thoughts and ideas were ever fresh and new.

In commercial flying there is a term used and it is, "The point of no return." This simply means that at a certain point in the flight, the aircraft reaches a point where it cannot turn back if there is trouble or problems with the flight. It means that there is not enough fuel to turn back to the original airfield, and so it must either continue on to its ~~destination~~ destination, or land at another field. We who call ourselves Christians must think of life in these terms. We are on a course being steered and led by God. The temptation is always there to stop where we are. To turn back because it is easier. But we must instead realize that with just a little more effort, a little more praying, a little more trust in God, makes realities come true. Our course is plotted and even though we may not know the final point of arrival, we must continue on secure in the promise of God that He is leading us home.

(Illustration of Abraham Lincoln going home)

Mr. Lincoln had visions and dreams of going back home to Illinois, but instead he went home to be with God. We may look upon this as a tragedy in one sense, yet in another he did indeed go home. And this is what we all need to realize, that God has promised a home for each of us as a part of the inheritance from Him. It is a home that we cannot inherit here, but it is a home promised at the end of this life. And this should be the joy that rings in our hearts on this day we acclaim as the day in which Christ was acclaimed as the promised one, who have committed our lives to Him that to each of us is the promise from God that He will bring us into that land promised of old.

"The Inheritance: Path"

Texts: John 14:6a, "I am the way:"

Ephesians 3:18, "For through Him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father"

In the 6th verse of the very familiar 14th chapter of the Gospel of John, Jesus states three more very definite "I Ams" which each add a new dimension to the Inheritance from God to mankind. He says, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." Tonight we will deal with "The Way," and the next two nights we will deal with the other two words.

When Jesus said He was the way, He had a very definite idea in mind, which He was striving to convey to His followers. And in conjunction with this we read from as our Scripture Paul's letter to the Ephesians, and his thinking along the lines that both Jew and Gentile are one in ~~Christ~~ Christ. He says, (read verse 18). Now here we have two ~~thoughts~~ thoughts which are speaking to the same issue. When we speak of the word Way, as used by Jesus, we need to understand what He is actually saying. There are several ways to use the word "Way" and we need to look at the word from the standpoint of Scripture. So here are a few instances in which the word is used, and these are from the New Testament. The Old Testament uses this word in the same way, but just for our use tonight we will refer to the word as used in the New Testament Church.

(Illustrations of the use of the word, "Way.")

Used in this context then, the word ~~means~~ means a road, or a path. Do we not in our modern language use the phrase someone got in the way?, thereby using the word in the context of a path being obstructed? So taking it one step further, when Jesus said, "I am the Way," He was actually saying, "I am the path, or the road, or the trail." He was signifying that He represented a means of getting from one point to another which is what a path or a road actually does.

He early Christians ^{were} ~~called~~ called, "Followers of the Way." A special edition of the Living Bible for young people is entitled, "The Way." Thus we can see that what Jesus was striving to convey has been incorporated into the Church. Now that we have determined that "The Way," is actually a road or a "path," we obviously must answer the question, "The path to where?" And of course the

answer is, "The Path from Jesus Christ to God." Jesus indicated quite often in His ministry that His purpose in life was to bring people closer to God. He made it apparent in the latter days of His ministry that this was to be the end result of His life lived among these people. So it is at this point ~~that~~ in the 14th chapter of John that Jesus is giving some last minute teaching and instructions to His disciples and followers. But it was also apparent to Jesus that much of His teaching and instructions, had fallen on deaf ears. He realized that only after He had done some very visible things in the next few days, that they would understand the message He was trying to convey.

Suppose you were in a strange town and you needed directions to a certain point in that town. You ask a person standing on a street corner and he tells you, "Take the first street to the right, then at the second light turn left. Follow that street for two blocks, then make another left, and then at the next intersection turn right, and the building is the fourth one on the left hand side of the street." I am sure that by the time you made the first turn, you would be hopelessly lost in that town, unless of course you wrote the directions down. But suppose the person you ask for directions says to you, "Follow me and I will take you right there." In this particular incident that person who is guiding us is "The Way." This is what Jesus does for us. He not only gives us the exact directions how to get there, but He takes us by the hand and leads us. He walks with us; He guides and directs us personally each day. He does not simply tell us about the way; He is the Way.

(Illustration of man in Scotland told about heaven when asking directions).

This is what each of us need to know in our lives, as well. We seek directions for our lives daily as we live this life. But we also need to know the directions for our destination after this life. This can only be settled by each one of us in our lives, by taking the Path so freely offered by Jesus Christ.

It is too is an important point in our inheritance from God.

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MAUNDY THURSDAY APRIL 15, 1976

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MARK FRY, MARY DELLEN - ACOLYTES

ORDER OF WORSHIP - HOLY COMMUNION 7:30 P.M.

PRELUDE MUSIC: "DELIVER ME, O LORD" FAURE
"PEACE OF EVENING" FOERSTER

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 221 "MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE"

*ASCRPTION - CHORAL AMEN

*INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE JOHN 18: 33-40

EVENING PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "ARIA"

SCARLATY

ANTHEM: "LAMB OF GOD"

DECIUS

SERMON: "THE INHERITANCE: TRUTH"

COMMUNION HYMN 145 'TIS MIDNIGHT: AND ON OLIVE'S BROW"

*COMMUNION SERVICE PAGE 32

EXHORTATION - CONFESSION - ABSOLUTION

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

SERAPHIC HYMN

THE INSTITUTION - CHORAL AMEN

AGNUS DEI

HOLY COMMUNION

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING - DOXOLOGY

*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 278 "O LOVE THAT WILT NOT LET
ME GO"

*BENEDICTION

*THREEFOLD AMEN

*POSTLUDE "RESIGNATION"

ASHFORD

----- *CONGREGATION STANDING -----

THE ELDERS AND DEACONS WILL SERVE COMMUNION AND WILL
ALSO SERVE AS USHERS.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE - 7:30 P.M. - HOLY COMMUNION (PEW)

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE UNDERCROFT FOR A FELLOWSHIP HOUR
WITH OUR NEW MEMBERS OUR HONOR GUESTS. THE CONGREGATION
INVITED AND ALL THOSE WORSHIPPING WITH US THIS EVENING.

THE RECEPTION IS SPONSORED BY THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

WE INVITE ALL CHRISTIANS, REGARDLESS OF DENOMINATION
TO PARTAKE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER WITH US. PLEASE
FILL OUT A COMMUNION CARD SO THAT OUR CHURCH'S RECORD
WILL BE ACCURATE. IF VISITORS DESIRE TO RECEIVE
CREDIT AT THEIR HOME CHURCH, PUT THE NAMES AND ADDRESS
OF EITHER YOUR PASTOR OR YOUR CHURCH ON THE BACK OF
THE CARD AND IT WILL BE FORWARDED.

PRAYER: DEAR HEAVENLY FATHER, EASTER BRINGS TO MIND
THE TENDEREST AND MOST MEANINGFUL ASSOCIATIONS OF
THE YEAR. IT IS A TIME FOR QUIET REFLECTION. LET
US THINK OF OUR DEAR ONES WHO HAVE GONE ON BUT WHO
HAVE NOT LEFT US, WHOM WE WILL MEET AGAIN. AND LET
US THINK OF JESUS, WHO TELLS US ABOUT THE IMMORTALITY
OF LIFE. WE THANK THEE FOR ALL THE THOUGHTS WHICH
EASTER EVOKES. HOW GRATEFUL WE ARE FOR THE FAITH
TAUGHT US BY JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, THAT BECAUSE HE
LIVES, WE SHALL LIVE ALSO, AND THAT SOMEDAY, SOMEWHERE,
SOMEHOW, WE SHALL MEET OUR LOVED ONES AGAIN AND KNOW
THEM AND LOVE THEM AND NEVER BE SEPERATED FROM THEM
ANYMORE. THIS IS THE FAITH OF EASTER DAY, BIND IT
CLOSELY AND SECURELY TO OUR HEARTS AND THEREBY BRING
US COMFORT AND PEACE AND JOY IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT
LIFE TRIUMPHS OVER DEATH. THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR
LORD. AMEN.

"The Inheritance: Truth"

John 14:6b, "I am the way, the truth, and the life"

"18:35a, "I am the way, the truth, and the life"

14 Chap 14 Js say, "I am the way, the truth, and the life"

Write I am the way, the truth, and the life

from this not only tak implic truth, but know He

the embodiment of TRUTH

He say in this, all I am giv by G 2 Nos & Isites

were being fulfill in Him

Is no surprise ther⁴ that He tell Pilate this

Pilate not sur how 2 handle this case

He knew Jews brot Him 2 3 condemn 2 both, they no

Pilate concern cuz they say He king do

He knew Jews go 2 any length get rid problems

so he want 2 question this man

He asks, vs 33, "Are U King of Jews?"

Js anser vs 34, "So U say, or others tell U?"

Vs 35, He say he no Js

Js tell his kingdom not this world vs 36

Pilate ask again, "Are U a king?" vs 37a

Js anser vs 37b

Pilate ask "What is truth?" vs 38

Pilate know Rom polit system & it not truth, He know

lie, steal, cheat, even murder, 2 get ahead

If put our language he say, TRUTH? WHAT TRUTH? U kid?

Look around & U crookedness etc., then talk bout TRUTH

So natural quest concern TRUTH

We confront by TRUTH as Pilate knew, & as Js knew it

Again, must understand wat Js mean when say TRUTH

(OT illustrations of truth)

TRUTH synonymous with G,

NT Gr ALTHEIA = it tied personality, lif Js Xp

2 know TRUTH 2 follows His purp, He say:

"2 know truth & truth make free,

Worship G spirit & truth,

Spirit of Truth 2 cum after His ascension"

This Holy Spirit, & wat Holy Spirit?

SPIRIT OF GOD, HOLY SPIRIT of God & it TRUTH

(Illustration of Emp & Japanese artist 2 paint bird)

This much lik Js say He was TRUTH

Wen cum 2 Him, accept Him, we cum 2 TRUTH,

TRUTH sets free from fite & stumble along lif wen

try do without Him

This TRUTH S's Holy Spirit indwell us & we able gro

little by little, being guided & led by this TRUTH

G's Holy Spirit always spirit of TRUTH 4 never tell

U 2 sin, or viol 2 temptation.

Indeed, lead us 2 things of TRUTH

thus we much lik Jap painter 2 gain gradu growth in 2

TRUTH, & continu thru lif until U call hom & then we

becum complet truth. This wat Js say by lif, & sacrific

"The Inheritance: Truth"

Texts: John 14:5b "I am the way."

John 19:33a, "BUT HE SAID TO A MAID, 'SHE IS LEVITIC?'"

In the 14th chapter of John Jesus speaking to his disciples told them as we said last night, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." Tonight we are going to look at His statement, "I am the truth." From this statement we can not only take the implication of Truth, but we also come to know for certain that He is the embodiment of Truth. He is saying at this point that all of the "I Wills" spoken and given by God to Moses, the Israelites and all of mankind, were being completely fulfilled in Him. Thus it is no real surprise that as He stood before Pilate, He was able to tell him that He was the fulfillment of Truth.

In this portion of Scripture which we read this evening, Pilate was not quite sure how to treat this case. He knew that the Jews had brought him here for the express purpose of having this man condemned to death, because they were not permitted to take human life. Pilate is concerned about the accusation that this man is a king. He knew that the Jews would go to any lengths to dispose of ~~of~~ someone they did not like. So he was willing to question this person to see what he had to say about himself.

Jesus tells him first of all that He is a King in a different sense than Pilate understood rulers. He was telling him that he was a ruler of a kingdom that is yet to be established.

Pilate being puzzled by all of this asks Him again, "Art thos a king then?" Vs 37
Jesus answers him by restating what Pilate has said, and He adds to this that
He was born for this purpose, and for this end He was sent into the world, vs 37
He states that He is to bear witness to the truth, and all who ~~hear His~~ of the
truth hear His voice, vs ~~32~~ 37.

To which Pilate asks "What is truth?" ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Pilate was a part of the Roman political system and so he knew that truth was an elusive something within that system. He knew that in order to get ahead, men of a stations within the system, cheated, lied, stole, ~~xx~~ and even murdered to get ahead. So he is asking this question in a mocking sort of fashion. If he were to ask it today he would most likely ask, "Truth? That's that? Are you kiddin'? Look around and see the crookedness, the cheating, lying, stealing and

then you talk to me about truth."

So it is that we see a natural question arise concerning TRUTH. We are confronted by Truth as Pilate knew it, and we are confronted by Truth as Jesus was trying to show it. So in order to answer the question asked by Pilate we need to understand what is really meant by Truth, as Jesus meant it to be interpreted.

In the OT Truth is ^{in Hebrew} EMET, which meant "stability, reliability," which was in direct contrast to capriciousness. The different writers of the OT saw in the word EMET, Almighty God. Here again we need to look at how this was interpreted. (Illustrations of EMET).

Thus, EMET was synonymous with God, in the OT. In the NT the Greek word ALTHEIA was represented in the life and personality of Jesus Christ. To show ALTHEIA to his followers was his purpose. He told them they were to know the TRUTH and the TRUTH would make them free. Jesus also revealed that to truly worship God one needs to worship Him in Spirit and TRUTH. But another dimension ^{is} He ~~God~~ ~~xxx~~ also found in the very familiar 14th chapter of the Gospel of John. What is the reference He makes to the "Spirit of TRUTH." This Spirit He is speaking of is none other than the Holy Spirit. And what is the Holy Spirit? None other than the Spirit of God. And this Holy Spirit, or the Spirit of God is TRUTH.

(Illustration of Emperor of Japan & artist painting a bird).

This is much like the Truth Jesus said He was. When we come to Him and accept Him, we come to the TRUTH. The TRUTH sets us free from fighting and stumbling along through life, as we do without Him. This TRUTH in the form of God's Holy Spirit indwells us and we are able to grow little by little, being guided and led by this TRUTH. God's Holy Spirit, ~~xxx~~ is always the spirit of TRUTH, for it never tells us to sin, or to yield to temptation. Instead, it leads us

to do the things that are of TRUTH. Thus we are much like the Japanese painter in that we begin by a gradual growth process into this TRUTH, and it continues on all through life, until God calls us home and then we become the completed TRUTH. This is what Jesus was trying to convey by His Words, and by His sacrifice of Himself.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA
GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 16, 1976

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ORDER OF WORSHIP - HOLY COMMUNION - 7:30
PRELUDE MUSIC: "A REQUIEM" CORFE
 "O SACRED HEAD" HASSLER
 "GOLGATHA" RICHOLSON
"PROCESSIONAL HYMN 158 "WHEN I SURVEY THE HONOROUS CROSS"
"ASCRPTION - CHORAL AMEN
"INVOCATION / 5 -
SCRIPTURE JOHN 10: 1-29
EVENING PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE
OFFERTORY
 OFFERTORY: "MADRE! FROM 'SEVEN LAST WORDS'" HAYDN
ANTHEM: "Sorrow, Sorrow" HAMBLEN
SERMON: "THE INHERITANCE: BEING"
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"HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 161 "BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS"
"BENEDICTION
"THREEFOLD AMEN
"POSTLUDE: "VIA DOLOROSA" BATTMANN

 *CONGREGATION STANDING-----
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RECORDS WILL BE ACCURATE.

IF VISITORS DESIRE TO RECEIVE CREDIT AT THEIR HOME
CHURCH, PUT THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF EITHER YOUR
PASTOR OR YOUR CHURCH ON THE BACK OF THE CARD AND
IT WILL BE FORWARDED.

DON'T FORGET OUR SHUT-INS AND SEND THEM A CARD OR
PAY THEM A VISIT.

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ONE WONDERS WHY A DAY THAT MEMORIALIZES TORTURE,
PAIN AND DEATH SHOULD BE CALLED GOOD FRIDAY. THE
ANSWER, OF COURSE, IS THAT THE GREATEST VALUES OF
LIFE DO NOT COME OUT OF THE PORTUITOUS AND THE EASY,
BUT OUT OF THE HARD AND THE DIFFICULT. CHRISTIANITY
IS NO SWEETLY TEXTURED FAITH BY WHICH ITS ADHERENTS
ARE CARRIED TO THE SKIES ON FLOWERY BEDS OF EASE.
IT IS A RIGOROUS FAITH, THE ESSENCE OF WHICH IS FOUND
THROUGH SELF-DENIAL AND SACRIFICE.

AND THOSE WHO MEET ITS CHALLENGES WILL FIND THAT
GOOD FRIDAY IS GOOD INDEED, BECAUSE BEHIND THIS
INSCRUTABLE UNIVERSE, FILLED AS IT IS WITH HARDSHIP
AND SUFFERING, THERE IS A GOOD GOD, ONE WHO CARES,
ONE WHO LOVES EVERY ONE OF US. THE BASIS OF THE
GREAT MESSAGE OF GOOD FRIDAY IS THIS: "GOD SO LOVED
THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT
WHOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT
HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE."

THIS IS PERHAPS ONE OF THE FEW GREATEST TRUTHS IN
THE WHOLE WORLD. DESPITE ALL OF THE SUFFERING,
STRUGGLE, DISAPPOINTMENT AND SORROW IN LIFE, THERE IS
A GOD WHO CARES, WHO UNDERSTANDS. HE ESTEEMS US SO
HIGHLY THAT HE GIVES US FREEDOM, AND IN THIS FREEDOM
WE OFTEN HURT OURSELVES. BUT THEN HE PICKS US UP
AND LOVINGLY SUPPORTS US IN OUR PAIN AND STRUGGLE.

"The Inheritance: 1st"
Texts: John 14:6c, "I AM THE LIFE"
John 10:10, "I HAVE LIFE IN MYSELF"
~~John 10:10, "I HAVE LIFE IN MYSELF"~~
~~John 10:10, "I HAVE LIFE IN MYSELF"~~

So cum 2 last phase 14:6c, I AM THE LIFE
Here final declar 4 thoz who follo,
He say: I AM THE LIFE, I AM THE LIFE, & now I AM THE LIFE
this se nu pattern of liv 24 thoz who wud 2 follos
2 follo thru 2 logic conclu 1 need lk this nu way.
If this caus missivs among us, need 2 thru eye His fo:
Am sur listen with astonish & perhap word go o'r ho:
But they misunder scuz no pay attent 2 wat He say
Prior occas He told them (John 10:13)

Naturally He speak His life,
If I ask, Wat most precious 2 U, wat wud U say?
Most wud say, HELL,
even tho not alway appear so, lif 1 comnd we cli:
Thus wen Js say lay down lif willing, no wonder follo
veracs Jews say He had a demon

Need 2 underst this not only part G's plan 4 mankin
But something unique,
Think suffer, deth Js follo logic sequence events
Had last meal, garden 2 pray, arrested, trail, executio:
Mailed 2 cross & simple expedient of punish body
thru exposur, exhaust, suffocation, abuse, He die

All tru & actual fact, but need add personal choic:
Question response innocent man: cum 2 arrest=flight
He stay, ask who want 2 turn self over, abhor Pete vi:
Trial=denials etc; Js no answer, remain silent
R thez norm reacts innocent person? course not,

Js no try prov innocence, & this wat unique,
Our mind cannot comprehend His actions
Wen read accts crucifix, at pt of deth He do sumthin
15 Bib vss=gave up spirit, or yield spirit///unique
& Gr, Heb words mean breathe out, expire=die
Mt. & Jn use Gr phrase 2 Give over or 2 deliver up
spirit

Thus HE DID THIS WILFULLY
(Illustration soldier lost arm in battle)

This wat Js did 4 us, gav mor than arm=gav lif
No 1 took it, no 1 made Him do it,
He cud hav turn bak & refus 2 do it, but didn't
He choz 2 die on our Bhalp

This wat Js meant wen say I AM THE LIFE,
"He told not only deth, but had told of rise from
dead later time.
Thus He giv them confid 2 face this lif, & also know-
ledge lif no end here earth but contin'd scuz luv
of God.

"The Inheritance: Being"

Texts: John 14:6, "I am the life."

John 10:18, "No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again."

We now come to the last phrase of the 6th verse of the 14th chapter of the Gospel of John. Jesus says, "I AM THE LIFE." Here He is giving the final declaration for those who would follow Him. He has said, "I AM THE WAY," thereby pointing out the path by His ~~life~~ example. Then He said, "I AM THE TRUTH," which pointed toward a new ~~life~~ dimension of living. But now He says, "I AM THE LIFE," and this sets a new way of living before those who would be His followers. To follow this through to its logical conclusion one needs to look upon this as a new pattern for living.

Now if we think this causes some misgivings for us, then we need to try to see things through the eyes of those followers to whom Jesus was speaking. I am sure that they listened to His words in utter astonishment, and perhaps His words went right over their heads without even causing second thoughts. But if they were misunderstanding Him, it was because they had not been paying attention to what He had been saying all along. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ ~~xxxx~~ On a prior occasion He had told them something similar to this and we read this as our Scripture for this evening. He said, (read John 10:18). Naturally, He was speaking of His life.

If I were to ask the question, "What is the thing that is the most precious to you?", I am sure that most of us would say, "Our life." Even though it may not always appear so, life is the one commodity that we cling to, and strive to preserve. Thus, when Jesus was making the statement about laying His life down for His sheep, and that He was going to do this willingly, it is no wonder that one of the following verses contains the statement that some of the Jews were convinced that He had a demon.

The thing we need to understand about all of this, is that it was not only a part of God's plan for mankind, and another portion of the Inheritance which is ours. But it was something which was unique. Mostly when we think of the suffering and death of Jesus Christ we think in terms of things taking a logi-

cal sequence of events. He had a last meal with His disciples, and following that He went out to a garden to pray. It was while He was here that He was betrayed by Judas and delivered to those who saw that He was given a trial. He went through the trial, was condemned and taken out to be executed. He was nailed to a cross and by the simple expedient of punishing the body through exposure, exhaustion, suffocation and abuse, He died. Now these are the actual facts, and all are true with the exception of an addition to the whole scene, and that is ~~xxx~~ the addition of personal choice.

What would be the natural ~~xxxxxxxx~~ response to a group of people coming to arrest an innocent man? Flight of course. The resistance to being taken. When they came for him and he asked them what they wanted, and they replied they had come for him, what did He do? He admitted who He was and permitted Himself to be taken without a struggle. In fact, when Peter became violent and cut off the ear of one of the men, Jesus healed the man and reprimanded Peter. Thus He permitted Himself to be taken without a struggle.

When He went through the trial, He did nothing to prevent His condemnation. When asked questions by Pilate, He remained silent. Do all of these actions sound like the normal reactions of an innocent person? Of course not, but Jesus was not out to prove His innocence. This is what makes all of this unique, for it is a mystery that the mortal mind cannot comprehend.

And when we read the accounts of the crucifixion we read that at the point when He died He did something unique. In 15 other Bible verses, "gave up the spirit," or yielded up the spirit," is used to translate one Hebrew or Greek word which means to "breathe out," or "expire." To die in other words, Mark and Luke use this term. But Matthew and John use a Greek phrase which means to "give over or to deliver up the spirit." Thus, they are stating that He did this wilfully. (Illustration of soldier in France and lost arm).

This is what Jesus did for us. He gave ~~xxx~~ more than His arm, He gave His life. No one took it from Him, no one made Him do it. He could have freely turned back at any point and chose not to go through with it, but He didn't. He chose to die on our behalf. (OVER)

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This what Jesus was saying to His followers when He said, "I AM RISING."

For He not only told them of His death, but He told them of His rising from the
at a later time

dead. Thus He was giving them the confidence to face this life, and also the

knowledge that life need not end here on earth, but may continue through eternity
because of the love of God.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA

EASTER APRIL 18, 1976

THE REV. RALPH C. LINK, PASTOR
MRS. EUGENE STEPHENSON, ORGANIST
MR. RALPH COOPER, CHOIR DIRECTOR
MRS. CYNTHIE SYBERT, YOUTH CHOIR DIRECTOR
ROBIN KNAUER, BOBBY SHAKELY - ACOLYTES

ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE MUSIC: "IN A GARDEN" SOUTHBRIDGE
"CHRIST IS RISEN" FISCHER
"I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVETH" HANDEL

*THE HYMN OF JOY 167 "CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY"

*THE ASCRIPTION - CHORAL AMEN

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

MINISTER: NOW IS CHRIST RISEN FROM THE DEAD, AND
BECOME THE FIRST FRUITS OF THEM THAT
SLEPT.

PEOPLE: FOR SINCE BY MAN CAME DEATH, BY MAN CAME
ALSO THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD.

MINISTER: FOR THIS CORRUPTIBLE MUST PUT ON INCOR-
RUPTION, AND THIS MORTAL MUST PUT ON
IMMORTALITY.

ALL: O DEATH, WHERE IS THY STING? O GRAVE,
WHERE IS THY VICTORY?

*GLORIA PATRI

THE SCRIPTURE STORY LUKE 24: 1-12

THE HYMN OF PRAISE 174 "ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!"

THE EASTER PRAYER (IN UNISON) "ETERNAL GOD, OUR FATHER,
WE PRAISE YOU FOR THE JOY THAT COMES INTO OUR HEARTS
ON THIS EASTER MORN. AS THE RISEN LORD BROUGHT HOPE
TO THOSE IN SORROW LONG AGO, WE THANK YOU THAT HE CAN
ALSO BRING NEW HOPE TO US. LIFT US FROM THE DEPTHS OF
SORROW AND GADNESS, WE PRAY AS WE ARE EVER MINDFUL OF
HIS VICTORY OVER DEATH. AS YOU HAVE TURNED THE SHADOWS
OF DEATH INTO RAYS OF MORNING LIGHT, ILLUMINE OUR SPIRITS
WITH THE HOPE OF LIFE ETERNAL, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR
RISEN SAVIOUR AND LORD. AMEN."

THE YOUTH CHOIR ANTHEM "ON WINGS OF LIVING LIGHT" WILSON

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

MINISTER: AS OUR SPIRITS HAVE WEAKENED UNDER THE
PRESSURES OF TEMPTATION AND DOUBT, LET

US REMIND OURSELVES OF THE GREAT BELIEFS OF OUR
FAITH.

MINISTER AND PEOPLE:

WE BELIEVE IN THE ONE GOD, MAKER AND RULER OF ALL
THINGS, FATHER OF ALL MEN; THE SOURCE OF ALL GOOD-
NESS AND BEAUTY, ALL TRUTH AND LOVE.

WE BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, GOD PRESENT WITH US
FOR GUIDANCE, FOR COMFORT, AND FOR STRENGTH.

WE BELIEVE IN THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS, IN THE LIFE
OF LOVE AND PRAYER, AND IN GRACE EQUAL TO EVERY NEED.

WE BELIEVE IN THE WORD OF GOD CONTAINED IN THE OLD
AND THE NEW TESTAMENTS AS THE RULE OF FAITH AND
PRACTICE FOR OUR LIVES.

WE BELIEVE IN THE CHURCH AS THE FELLOWSHIP FOR
WORSHIP AND FOR SERVICE OF ALL WHO ARE UNITED TO
THE LIVING LORD.

WE BELIEVE IN THE FINAL COMING OF THE KINGDOM OF
GOD, HIS TRIUMPH IN RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND IN THE LIFE
EVERLASTING. AMEN.

*THE DOXOLOGY

THE EASTER OFFERING

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM "WHY WEEPEST THOU? HE IS RISEN"

BY HAMLEN SOLO - MRS. CYNTHIE SYBERT

THE SERMON "THE BEGINNING"

THE SERMON PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*THE HYMN OF TRIUMPH 165 "THE DAY OF RESURRECTION!"

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE THREEFOLD AMEN

*THE POSTLUDE "WELCOME, HAPPY MORNING" PEERY

- - - - - *CONGREGATION STANDING - - - - -

SERVING AS USHERS TODAY ARE: *DON KINGSLEY, DARYL

TAIT, JOHN DREHER, GARY PENAR AND RICHARD MANGEL.

THE ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY WAS 294. *TO BE RELEASED*

*HOSPITALIZED: MRS. MILDRED BROWN, MRS. GRACE RIDDLE. *CAR*

DEACON AND MRS. CHARLES PENAR WILL REPRESENT COUNCIL

AT THE DOOR TODAY. *WELCOMING*

*WE REGRET THAT THIS WILL BE MARILYN STEPHENSON'S LAST
DAY AS ORGANIST. MARILYN HAS BEEN A GOOD AND FAITHFUL
ORGANIST - WE WISH HER WELL IN ANYTHING SHE UNDERTAKES.

MON. - 7:30 - FIDELITY BIBLE CLASS - WILL HOLD A

BAKELESS BAKE SALE

THURS. - 10:30 A.M. - MARY MARTHA CIRCLE *WILL MEET AT

THE HOME OF MRS. HELEN SHEPPECK.

TUES. - 8:00 - VOLLEYBALL

WELCOME VISITORS

"The Beginning"

Texts: Job 14:14a, "IF I HAVE DIED, WILL I LIVE AGAIN?"

Mat 24:5b, "WHY SEEK YE THE LIVING AMONG THE DEAD?"

Early one April morning, when it was not yet daylight, three women made their way to a garden tomb. As the ~~xxxxxx~~ morning began to break around them, they were ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ completely unaware of the beauty of the day, for they were pre-occupied with the mission they had come to fulfill. Their lives had lost the ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ purpose and meaning they had up until a few days ago. It still did not seem possible that their beloved friend and teacher had been so cruelly put to death. They had seen him minister to the most common beggar. He had touched eyes and ears. He had mended broken limbs, straightened crooked legs and arms. He had healed broken hearts by giving his calm reassurance to those burdened down with care. All of these sad memories flooded their minds as they approached the hillside tomb in which his remains had been placed. They had witnessed his body being taken there on Friday evening and because of the Jewish Sabbath were not permitted to anoint the body for burial. Thus they felt that at least they could come and give his body the proper preparation ~~for~~ which they could not perform the other evening. In their haste to go to the garden at the first light of dawn, they had neglected to remember that they had to contend with a huge stone placed against the entrance to the grave. But as the tomb now appeared in their view they saw with a sudden shock that the stone was rolled away from the entrance. Naturally, they rushed to the tomb, expecting they knew not what, but hoping that the body was still there undisturbed. But as their eyes grew accustomed to the darkness within, they could readily see that the body was not there. As they stood there puzzled and discouraged at this unexpected turn of events they were suddenly startled by the appearance of two strange men. They knew that these were not ordinary men for their clothing had a dazzling quality about it. Being severely frightened they could only show their fear and bow down before them. At this point the men speak to them and ask the question, "Why seek ye the living among the dead?" Then they remind the women of what their friend had told them on

previous occasions when He had talked to them and instructed them. Here the reality dawned upon them that what He had said at those times now made sense. So they returned to the ~~other~~ eleven disciples and the other interested followers of Jesus, but their story was not believed. And Peter wanting to believe what he had heard, and yet doubting that it could be true, runs to the tomb to see for himself. Other versions of this incident tell of Jesus meeting the women in the garden and of his appearances to his followers. Luke tells of several disciples meeting him on the road to Emmaus.

Here for the first time questions that had been asked long ago were now being answered. It was "The Beginning" of lives of hope and untold joy. It was ~~the~~ the dawn of new life and living for the followers of Jesus Christ.

Many long years before, God's faithful servant Job had asked the question asked by countless others before him, "If a man die, shall he live again?" Shall he live again indeed. All of his story had pointed to death as being the final set-ter of all accounts. Life for all of those prior to ~~this~~ this event had been one of sadness at the parting of relatives and friends in death. But it was now evident that "If a man die, he shall live again." The bonds of death had been broken and Jesus Christ was the victor over the grave, and because of this the followers and believers in him could live eternally as well.

But there was also a ~~question~~ question asked by the angels and the question was, "Why are ye the ~~dead~~ living among the dead?" This question was asked in relation to Jesus Christ in the tomb. But it may well be asked in all circles of Christendom today. It always has been and probably always will be that in the Christian Church a certain lethargy has set in.

(Illustration of Spurgeon and the Ancient Mariner)

For some people Christ only comes alive once a year. And so we need to ask the question, "Why should we seek the living among the dead?" The living Christ is a reality every day for those who belong to him. He will be alive tomorrow, and next week, and 2 months from now. He is not just alive today and to be forgotten until next Easter or whenever it is convenient for us to think about him or remember him,

(Illustration of man in New England rescuing drunken sailor, & B worth saving)

That is what needs to be the thrust of our life. Jesus Christ made the supreme sacrifice for each of us, to save us. The question needs to be asked, "Am I worth saving?" We all know the story of Lent and Good Friday and Easter. Over all of it looms the cross, for it is the cross that makes Easter authentic, for we know that in order to have Easter a death had to take place. But the person who does not acknowledge his own cross in life, and who does not acknowledge the death of sin in his life through Christ, cannot really know the joy of Easter.

(Illustration Art Stor Princes Street, Edinburgh, backslider, little boy & picture of Crucifixion of Jesus Christ).

That is the secret of today. That is the joy ^{which} ~~that~~ should be in each of our hearts and lives.

(Just Because He Lives)

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER APRIL 25, 1976
THE REV. RALPH C. LINT, PASTOR
MRS. KAY MORRIS, ORGANIST
MR. RALPH COOPER, CHOIR DIRECTOR
ROBIN KNAUER, BOBBY SHAKELY - ACOLYTES

ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE: "FANTASIA IN G MINOR" J. S. BACH
PLEASE REMAIN SILENT DURING ORGAN CHIMES
*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 7 "REJOICE, YE PURE IN HEART"
*ACSCRIPTION - CHORAL AMEN
*EXHORTATION
*CONFESSION (IN UNISON) "O LORD, WHOSE WAY IS PERFECT,
HELP US, WE PRAY THEE, ALWAYS TO TRUST IN THY GOODNESS;
THAT, WALKING WITH THEE AND FOLLOWING THEE IN ALL
SIMPLICITY, WE MAY POSSESS QUIET AND CONTENTED MINDS,
AND MAY CAST ALL OUR CARE UPON THEE, FOR THY CAREST
FOR US; FOR THE SAKE OF JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN."
*KYRIE (CHOIR, CONGREGATION AND PASTOR)
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON - CHORAL AMEN
*PRAISE
*PASTOR: O LORD OPEN OUR LIPS.
*PEOPLE: AND OUR MOUTH SHALL SHOW FORTH THY PRAISE
*DOXOLOGY No. 551
SCRIPTURE: GENESIS 8: 15-22
HYMN No. 319 "O FOR A CLOSER WALK WITH GOD"
*AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)
*GLORIA PATRI
CALL TO PRAYER
PASTOR: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.
PEOPLE: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.
PASTOR: LET US PRAY.
PRAYER AND PRAYER RESPONSE
OFFERING
OFFERTORY: "TRIO IN E FLAT" J. RHEINBERGER
ANTHEM: "I WALKED TODAY WHERE JESUS WALKED" O'HARA
SOLO - VON MALONEY
SERMON: "3 P/B IN A P/O" I. PLACE
PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER
HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 318 "NEARER, MY GOD, TO THEE"

*BENEDICTION AND THREE FOLD AMEN
ORGAN POSTLUDE "MARCH" F. PETERS

----- *CONGREGATION STANDING -----
THE LOVELY FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN PLACED BY
MR. & MRS. WILLIAM ZAVACKY, JR. IN MEMORY OF DORIS'
"MOTHER"

SERVING AS USHERS TODAY ARE: *ALVIN TAIT, ROBERT
STEWART, JAMES MCCLYMONDS, MIKE NAZARUK AND GOTTLIEB
KRADEL.

DEACON AND MRS. JOHN REDMAN WILL REPRESENT COUNCIL
AT THE DOOR TODAY.

NURSERY IS PROVIDED TODAY BY: MRS. BONNIE VENSEL,
LORI SHEARER AND ELLEN MASTER.

TONIGHT - 6:30 - YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE.

WED. - 7:30 - PENN WEST CONFERENCE FIELD TEST TASK
FORCE MEETING. ALL THOSE ASKED - PLEASE ATTEND IF
POSSIBLE.

HOSPITALIZED: GRACE RIDDLE, JOHN SNOW, CARL HOLLEFREUND,
HELEN HOLLEFREUND, MRS. L. BROWN, MRS. G. GILL

THE ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY WAS 290.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MEETING FOR ALL TEACHERS, HELPERS,
AND INTERESTED PERSONS, TONIGHT AT 7:30 P.M. WE WILL
GO OVER MATERIAL AND MAKE PLANS FOR THE VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL. IMPORTANT THAT THOSE INVOLVED ATTEND.

OUR YOUTH ON RETREAT THIS WEEKEND.

WOMEN'S COMMISSION OF FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES WILL HAVE
A LUNCHEON MAY 8 AT 12:00 NOON. PES MCCLYMONDS AND
KATHRYNE BANCROFT HAVE TICKETS - \$2.50. THE THEME
BICENTENNIAL OUR HERITAGE TODAY, YESTERDAY, AND
TOMORROW."

APR. 27 - 8:00 - "FAITH TO FAITH" PROGRAM - ST. MICHAEL'S
SPEAKERS: REV. WILLIAM HUFFORD - FIRST METHODIST AND
REV. ARTHUR GARBIN - ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH.

WE WELCOME MRS. KAY MORRIS, OUR NEW ORGANIST, WHO IS
WITH US TODAY.

FOUR MEMBERS OF THE CONFIRMATION CLASS DID NOT PICK
UP THEIR "TEENAGERS PRAY" BOOKLET - GIFT FROM THE
CHURCH. PLEASE CONTACT BEA IN THE OFFICE AND IT
WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU.

THE CONFIRMATION PICTURE PROOFS ARE IN THE OFFICE
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ORDER A PICTURE, COME INTO THE
OFFICE THIS MORNING AND WE WILL BE GLAD TO ORDER ONE.

Jan 1:20, "6 - 1's in 1's 1's 1's place
~~Jan 1:20, "6 - 1's in 1's 1's 1's place~~
~~Jan 1:20, "6 - 1's in 1's 1's 1's place~~

Today: Gen. 3:15-22

In this April newsletter article on liturgy etc,
3 Day, educate sermons, "1's 1's in 1's 1's"
2 Day= place, next= profession, next= purpose
3 Day tell Noah out of ark,
(story preacher a man answer about smell of ark)
After cam out He built altar, ~~1's 1's in 1's 1's~~
1st record formal worship of, Cain/Abel but offers only
cain 5th man, so sacrific in thanks 2 G
12 days out, Genesis 1-7, 5 is text vs
Thus formal worship again 1st tab,
I tell yet said ~~1's 1's in 1's 1's~~ 4 this, out of ord, a sanctu
free other 1's a prop worship
As change this sacrific 2 Lord's Supper
Constantine change this a church ~~1's 1's in 1's 1's~~ change
Luther/ wing change back a denotes nat no use altar
but gradual denotes 3rd pietistic, a prayer confess
tak place individ cum 2 ~~1's 1's in 1's 1's~~ a personal a it cong
then worship 3rd, sober, relate, formal, stiff, solemn
Congreg act lik spectators a only clergy do anything
but a say 2 Isites Gen 12:2, ~~1's 1's in 1's 1's~~
a He never rescind this, as He say= spirit a truth
a a minimal, but dun right spirit=joy, rejoice, glad-
ness, thanksgiving a mak joyful noise
If look wat ord do our lives, wat ask quest= why for
rship? This wat we do eternity a must prep 4 it
such lik symph orchest tun up wat noise a all involv
this how we need cum 2 worship-expectantly.
Loc 4 something a get it, cum 2 particip a do it
This way will enter worship a sing, pray, praise a 3 part
worship shud evok respons from us 1 way or other
This shud 3 dun in serv in which resolv alter/change
lives or living, or mesag shud mak us think day/week
This wat 1's 1's all about, we here worship G, a sanctu 4 it
Early Church in Acts 2:42 describe as stand in AWE,
We shud stand in AWE a expect Kp can a will trans-
form lives in this servide a congregation
Yet how often we do this? Sam old liturgy, prayers,
long winded sermon that keep me from lunch,
a speak of lunch wat will I eat?
This how many affected by worship a nothing happen.
Why ch's no yng peop commit lif 2 Xpian serv yrs
any Ch never see 1 soul set on fire 4 Lord,
Yet this suppos 2 happen all church, a wrong if not
(Illus wat wrong Mrs. Craig)
She stood AWE of G at place G ordain 4 her
This place our altar a we shud ~~1's 1's in 1's 1's~~ THIS 1st P=00

"3 - P's In A Pod"

1. Place

Text: Genesis 8:20, And Noah builded an altar unto the Lord; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

Those of you who read your April Newsletter you will recall there was an article in there that stated that we would have several sermons to explain the use of the altar. There have been some questions asked by members as to why we do certain things, why we have done certain things, and I think these questions need to be answered. So for the next three weeks we are going to try to answer these questions. I have said before that sermons are not only to be inspirational, but they are to be educational as well. So therefore, we will have for the next three weeks, three educational sermons dealing with this subject. I have entitled this series, "3 - P's In A Pod." These three sermons will begin each one with the letter "P". Today's sermon is, "Place," next week will be, "Profession," and the following week will be, "Purpose."

So as we think about this we perhaps ask some questions in our minds, "Just what are we speaking about?" For our scripture for this morning we read about Noah being called forth from the ark by God. He was called to come out along with his family and to bring the animals as well.

A preacher was preaching on this calling forth by God and a man in the congregation spoke up and said, "Preacher, I have heard many men speak about this subject, but I have never heard one tell about the messy conditions which must have prevailed upon that ark after the 40 days or so. With all of those animals it must have smelled pretty badly." The preacher answered, "You're absolutely right mister, the conditions were pretty bad. But, you must remember, that ark was the best thing afloat at that time."

And I think when we look at this story we see what took place in Noah's life. We see that the first thing he did when he came forth from that ark, was, "Noah builded an altar unto the Lord; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar."

It is at this point then that we see the first formal worship recorded in scripture. We know that Cain and Abel brought their offerings to the Lord. But Noah builded an altar. That meant he set something aside on which to worship God and which he could come to, and bring his family to, to confront

God. But when we turn to other portions of Scripture, we see that this has
some expanded and has grown, and has flourished and God has ordained it.
For instance, if you want to turn to the 12th chapter of Deuteronomy with
me, there is in this chapter set forth what God wanted for worship. This
begins in the first verse and we will cover the first seven verses.

This read: "These are the statutes and judgements, which ye shall observe to
do in the land, which the Lord God of thy fathers giveth thee to possess it,
all the days that ye live upon the earth."

God is setting forth now, rules and regulations for this worship of Him.

He says, "Ye shall utterly destroy all the places, wherein the nations which
ye shall possess served their gods, upon the high mountains, and upon the
hills, and under every green tree:"

They are to abolish all the pagan religions and anything that is foreign to
the worship of Almighty God. They are to throw all of this from their midst.

"And ye shall overthrow their altars, and break their pillars, and burn their
groves with fire; and ye shall hew down the graven images of their gods, and
destroy the names of them out of that place."

There are to be no foreign gods present. All of these things are to be
thrown out and cast aside. But then He says: "Ye shall not do so unto the
Lord your God." In other words, they are to throw out these other gods,
but they are to hang onto Almighty God, and not throw Him out as well.

And then He appointed a "Place" where they are to do this: "But unto the
place which the Lord your God shall choose out of all the tribes to put
His name there, even unto His habitation shall ye seek, and there thou
shalt come."

He is saying there is to be a "Place." And He is going to tell them where
this "Place" is. This is where they are to come and worship Him. And He

tells them: "And there you shall bring your burnt offerings, and your
sacrifices, and your tithes, and heave offerings of your hand, and your
vows, and your free-will offerings, and the firstlings of your herds and
of your flocks."

This is how to worship God. They are to bring their gifts into His presence,
and they are to share these with God. So we see here then, that worship

is been established. That there is a "Place" which would come forth in
which they were to meet God and come and worship Him. This evolved down

through the years to the advent of Jesus Christ. Through His life, His death, and His resurrection from the grave, the altar changed from a place upon which to offer burnt offerings, to a place where we observe the Lord's Supper. Thus the altar is not a place for sacrifices, but for the observance of the Lord's Supper.

This the altar remained in history for several hundred years of the early Church up to the time when Constantine was made Emperor of the Roman Empire. When this took place Constantine decided that the persecutions of the Christians had to cease. So he declared that the Roman Empire would now be the "Holy Roman Empire." This meant that for the first time Christianity was a state religion. Everyone in the Empire was now a Christian. Thus, thousands who were pagans and heathens one day, now found themselves Christians the next, and they did not have to do or know one thing to become a Christian. The way the early church grew was on a one to one basis. One person told another of Jesus Christ and led that person to accept Him. Thus people were brought into the church who knew what Christianity was all about. But now all of this had been circumvented by the Emperor.

The Church was now put in the hands of the clergy. In the Roman Catholic Church, which is what the Church was, the hierarchy had control. The people were merely spectators at whatever services took place. Many of them, and most of them didn't know what it was to know Christ. This is what came down through history until the time of Martin Luther. He was inspired by God to change this and he set forth what we know today as Protestantism, and founded what we know as the Lutheran church. It was back to the simple routine of bringing people into the church, witnessing to them, letting them come to the altar and worship God, and not having them look to someone else to bring salvation to them. But sharing the salvation through Christ. And stayed this way for years until today where many churches and denominations are back to the legalistic, pietistic ritualism that was inherent in the

Jewish law. Where we follow a certain procedure or ritual in the church service and this is the worship of God, and if we deviate from it we are wrong. But you see, it was never meant to be this way. If we look at the 7th verse of the 12th chapter of the book of Deuteronomy, God goes on to tell what worship should be. He says, "And there ye shall eat before the Lord your God, and ye shall rejoice in all that ye put your hand unto, ye and your households, wherein the Lord thy God hath blessed thee."

He said, "When you come into this PLACE," He didn't mean they were to eat in the sanctuary, but they were to have fellowship together. They were to join in fellowship meals and have fellowship as a congregation together. They were to come into the sanctuary and they were to rejoice. Not to be in a dead service, but to be in something that was alive. Something that had meaning and purpose and was vital. We look at the words of Jesus Christ and He said the worship of God was to be done in Spirit and in Truth. The word Spirit not only meant the Holy Spirit of God, but the spirit of the occasion.

at it should become a joyful, worshipful experience. Worship should be something that lifts our lives and our hearts. We should feel something on Sunday morning. We should be a part of it and feel that we are not merely spectators sitting back and watching a clergyman perform before them each and every Sunday morning. And then gauging whether he has a good talk or a bad talk. Or whether he prays nicely this Sunday and he doesn't pray nicely next Sunday. It is something where the prayers are a part of us that we enter into them. That the liturgy is a part of us. That we rejoice in all of this and that it becomes something filled with life and not death.

I think when we look at it in this light we see again what the early church was. Because in the 2nd chapter of Acts and the 43rd verse we read that the early church "Stood in awe." The people were awed. And why were they awed? Because they saw 3000 people added to the church that day. It was something that was an experience for them. It became a joy and it became part of their life. So when God says He is going to set a place for our altar, He is saying that it should be a "Place" where we come happily. A "Place where

we come expectantly. And a "Place" where we participate in the worship. ; too many people have this twisted and turned around. There are many, many churches today that can claim the dubious distinction of not having one young person go forth in 50 years or more for Christian service. There are many churches that have never seen a person come alive through Jesus Christ in the worship service. There are churches that have never seen people come forth to accept Jesus Christ into their lives and into their hearts.

And it is because we have gotten things twisted around and we have said, "Well, we don't do those things in our church." We sit in the pew, we come if we feel like it, we pray if we feel like it, we sing if we feel like it, and we just do what we want to do and when we are done we go home until next Sunday morning. But you know there are people who are otherwise. I read an interesting illustration I would like to share with you this morning.

It was written by an editor in Nashville. This paper carried this story of

3. Lila Craig. This is how it was written.

Mrs. Lila Craig has not missed attending church in 1,040 Sundays although she is in her eighties. It makes one wonder, what's the matter with Mrs. Craig? Doesn't it ever rain or snow in her town on Sunday? Doesn't she ever have unexpected company? How is it that she never goes anywhere on Saturday night so that she's too tired to attend the worship service the next morning? Doesn't she ever beg off to attend picnics and family reunions, or have headaches, colds, nervous spells, or tired feelings? Doesn't she ever oversleep or need time to read her Sunday newspaper? Hasn't she ever become angry with the minister, or had her feelings hurt by someone and felt justified in staying home to hear a good sermon on the radio or TV? What is the matter with Mrs. Craig anyway?

The man who copied this article for others to see added his comments to it and said: Of course the article was written with tongue in cheek to emphasize the many excuses we can dream up for not assembling with God's people for worship and fellowship. I read some interesting statistics indicating that 10% of the people whose names are on the church rolls don't put in an appearance all year, and that 40% of those who do attend never contribute to the work of the Lord. Furthermore, 60% don't go to the evening service, 70% won't give to missions, and about the same number refuse to participate in any type of church activity. I suppose if some of these people should read this article, they'd exclaim in surprise, "WHAT GIVES WITH MRS. CRAIG?"

think that what gives with Mrs. Craig is the point that many, many people are missing. That is, that worship is an experience, that worship is something we do in joy and gladness. We do not have to follow a set pattern

week after week, after week. And if we deviate from that pattern no one should get "up tight" or upset about it. I believe we need more Mrs. Griags in our churches today. We need people who really come to worship God. We need people who have prepared themselves for worship before they came to the church. We need people who ^{COME} ~~have~~ from their homes who have prayed that the service will be meaningful to them. People who have prayed that the preacher can give a good performance if this is what they expect. People who have prayed that they can enter that service and that they can leave that service moved and willing, and wanting to do something in their lives to come closer to God. This then is the "Place where we worship God. It is here that we have our altar. It is here that we should come expectantly each Sunday morning. And then go forth and live different lives because of being with God.

Prayer: Our Gracious heavenly Father, we thank you that you have set forth worship in your Word, that we know there is a way to do it. We can come in many ways and we should not feel there is only one way to do it. We should not get upset about the way we worship. But we also know we should worship reverently and worshipfully in your House. That we should be a part of the church you have set forth. Father, grant this day that we may go forth renewed in body, soul and spirit. Let us see our lives as they really are that we may take note of how we worship God. We ask these things in the name of your Son, who taught us to pray, The Lord's Prayer. Amen.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA
THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTER TIDE MAY 2, 1976
THE REV. RALPH C. LINK, PASTOR
MRS. KAY MORRIS, ORGANIST
MR. RALPH COOPER, CHOIR DIRECTOR
MARCIA MCBRIDE, JEFF HOCKENBERRY - ACOLYTES

ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE: "ANDANTE RELIGIOSO" ROWLEY
PLEASE REMAIN SILENT DURING ORGAN CHIMES
*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 176 "CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS"
*ACRISPION - CHORAL AMEN
*EXHORTATION
*CONFESSION (IN UNISON) "O GOD, WHO MAKEST THYSELF KNOWN
IN THE STILLNESS; LET US FEEL THY PRESENCE IN THIS SACRED
PLACE; MAKE US TO BE OF THE COMPANY OF BRAVE SAINTS WHO
HAVE WORSHIPPED HERE IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH; THROUGH THE
VOICES OF MEN AND THE INSTRUMENTS OF PRAISE GIVE US TO
LIFT OUR HEART TO THEE; AND SO, O LORD, PURIFY OUR LIVES
THAT, GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD, WE MAY GO IN THY
STRENGTH AND IN THY LOVE; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.
AMEN."
*KYRIE (CHOIR, CONGREGATION AND PASTOR)
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON - CHORAL AMEN
*PRAISE
*PASTOR: O LORD OPEN OUR LIPS.
*PEOPLE: AND OUR MOUTH SHALL SHOW FORTH THY PRAISE
*DOXOLOGY No. 551
SCRIPTURE: ROMANS 10: 1-13
HYMN No. 213 "O LORD, TURN NOT THY FACE AWAY"
*AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)
*GLORIA PATRI
CALL TO PRAYER
PASTOR: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.
PEOPLE: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.
PASTOR: LET US PRAY.
PRAYER AND PRAYER RESPONSE
OFFERING
OFFERTORY: "I CALL TO THEE, LORD JESUS CHRIST" BACH
ANTHEM: "THOU WILT KEEP HIM IN PERFECT PEACE" WILLIAMS
SERMON: "3 - P's IN A P.O.D."
2. PROFESSION

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 211 "O JESUS, THOU ART STANDING"
*BENEDICTION AND THREE FOLD AMEN
ORGAN POSTLUDE "ST. ANTHONY CHORALE" HAYDN-BRAHMS
- - - - - *CONGREGATION STANDING - - - - -
THE LOVELY FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN PLACED BY
MRS. GRACE RIDDLE IN MEMORY OF "HUSBAND" MR. HAROLD
K. RIDDLE
SERVING AS USHERS TODAY ARE: *ALLEN BOTACCHI, JOHN
REDMAN, DAN BOSKO, ROBERT KNAUER, CHARLES PENAR.
NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED TODAY BY: BETTY PFABE,
LINDA PFABE AND LAUREL STAUFFER.
DEACON AND MRS. STEVE VARGO WILL REPRESENT COUNCIL AT
THE DOOR TODAY.
THE ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY WAS 196.
HOSPITALIZED: MRS. HELEN HOLLEFREUND, MR. CARL
HOLLEFREUND.
MONDAY - 7:30 - WOMEN'S MARY PRUGH CIRCLE MEETING.
MONDAY - 7:00 - SPECIAL MEETING FOR ALL THOSE THAT
WERE GIVEN INFORMATION SHEETS LAST SUNDAY OR HAD THEM
MAILED OUT TO INDIVIDUALS - FROM THE LONG RANGE PLAN-
NING COMMITTEE.
WED. - 7:30 - COUNCIL MEETING
NEXT SUNDAY WILL BE THE SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR FESTIVAL
OF THE CHRISTIAN HOME (GREENVILLE - MOTHER'S DAY OFF.)
SPECIAL ENVELOPES WILL BE INCLUDED IN YOUR NEWSLETTER.
PLEASE HAVE ALL INFORMATION IN FOR THE NEWSLETTER BY
WEDNESDAY.
WE ARE IN NEED OF NURSERY VOLUNTEERS. IF YOU COULD
POSSIBLY HELP OUT 1 SUNDAY EVERY COUPLE OF MONTHS -
PLEASE LEAVE MRS. DORIS ZAVACKY KNOW (COORDINATOR),
OR YOU CAN LEAVE YOUR NAME IN THE OFFICE.
- - - - -
I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FRIENDS OF ST. PAUL'S UCC
FOR THEIR KIND EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY AND FOR THE
CARDS THAT WERE SENT FROM THE CONGREGATION DURING
THE RECENT DEATH OF MY "MOTHER"
--WILLIAM ZAVACKY, SR.
MRS. GRACE RIDDLE WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE FOR
THEIR CARDS AND PRAYERS DURING HER RECENT STAY IN
THE HOSPITAL.

CONFIRMATION PICTURES CAN BE O. TAKEN IN
OFFICE

3 - P's in A Pod" Profession

Rom 10:9-10, 4 IF U EXXEXX WILL BELIEVE IN ME I WILL
UNLESS U BELIEVE IN ME I WILL NOT BELIEVE IN YOU
1. IF U BELIEVE IN ME I WILL BELIEVE IN YOU
2. IF U BELIEVE IN ME I WILL BELIEVE IN YOU
3. IF U BELIEVE IN ME I WILL BELIEVE IN YOU
4. IF U BELIEVE IN ME I WILL BELIEVE IN YOU

Ref 2 last week - place, 2day=profession=Blief
Script=I speak Jew & Gent, Jew observ law but impart
thing=1000000 Js Xp, tru answer hart/mouth vs 8-10
(Illus Lawyer, minister & resurrection Js Xp.)
Head faith & not hart/prob with peop want do mor 4 it
But G say NO=just accept free gift no mor
2 satisfy desir do mor, other thing is MOUTH
(Illus Schofield physician & school acceptance)
tak both, hart/mouth

Thus altar calls & ask peop mak commit
accept in pew with hart/cum 4ward make public stand
This outward profess
sum peop tak offence get uptite/threatened, no need
" say I DID THAT, this OK & good,
" " " " & no did,
say Blong Js Xp & lik unbelivers=drunk, swear, dirty
story, cheat, adultery etc.

I call liars
Altar calls mak poss pers accept Xp if U up tell 2 do
2 mak commit is 2 ope lif 2 lif grtest exper
I cud tell U peop do this aft many yrs ch member
lives chang, cuz never knew wat all about,
I kno this cuz happen 2 me & I thot was Xpian
Ther4 I want 2 shar with U wat can mean 2 U too
Yet peop want fite me cuz of it

So if hev altar call & U make commit, no cum 4ward
if not cur wher I stand saly wise, answer G call
ther reasons 4 cum 4ward=batelidens, probs family,
husband, wife, children, sickness etc.

need 2 open altar 2 then I must speak 2 then
to need 20 embarrase no1 know reason cur 4ward
But during sing last hymn I will counsel
my given service peop no know the Lord,
I need giv opp2 mak commit

Ther4 time 2 time will hav altar call
if hav questions concern this talk 2 me, or call me I
I will answer questions

next week purpose all this
If hav needs 2day, cum 4ward & I will counsel

This is what Paul was saying. That we do have this problem with our heads and we have a problem with our hearts as well. For you see, God has given us a mind and an intellect to use as well. We do use our minds to think and to reason. But many times our head gets in the road of the heart. Because when we are speaking of something like salvation, we are speaking of something that is accepted by faith. It is accepted not with our heads, but with our hearts. This is what Paul was trying to say. But in this regard we need to look at this in another light for Paul adds something to this. Paul was saying we need the mouth as well.

Dr. A. T. Schofield the noted English physician of yesteryear, not to be confused with the Scofield of Biblical scholar fame, tells of how at the age of 15 he was sent to a boarding school in Wales. He arrived in the evening and was shown to his room. He met his new roommate and the first thing the roommate asked was, "Are you a Christian?" Schofield answered no. The boy asked, "Why not? Don't you want to be one?" Schofield replied that it was not a matter of wanting to be one, but it was a matter of being unable to accept it. He had been raised in a religious home and his parents had tried to share Christianity with him, but he could not accept Christ as his saviour and so their words all went in one ear and out the other. Much like many 15 year old boys. His roommate told him he was going to a prayer meeting that night, and he was going to pray for Schofield. Later that night the boy came back to the room, crawled into bed and very shortly was sound asleep. But Schofield could not sleep. He tossed and turned and kept wondering why he could not sleep. But something seemed to be telling him that he had to do something. Finally a voice spoke to him and told him, "You have to believe." So he said, "Well, if that is what I have to do to get some sleep, I will do it." So he got out of bed, and down on his knees as he said, "God, if you are trying to tell me what I think you are trying to tell me, I accept Christ as my Saviour," and he got back in bed and fell sound asleep. The next morning the schoolmaster came to the room and introduced himself. He said, "I understand you are not a Christian. We try to have all of our boys at this school become Christians. We are praying for you." Schofield answered, "I am a Christian." The schoolmaster replied, "But you told your roommate last night you were not a Christian. When did you become one?" Schofield answered, "About 2 o'clock this morning." The schoolmaster said, "Suppose you tell me about it." So Schofield related what had taken place and in later life he realized he was fulfilling at that time what Paul had written in this chapter to the Romans. That it is not only with the heart that we accept, but with the mouth as well.

So what Paul says in the 9th and 10th verses is for each of us: "For if you tell others that Jesus Christ is your Lord, and believe in your own heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in his heart that a man becomes right with God; and with his mouth he tells others of his faith, confirming his salvation."

Now this brings us to the subject some people have wanted to hear about. Why do we have altar calls in the church? This is the reason for it.

"3 - P's In A Pod"

Profession

xt: Romans 10:9-10
if you tell others that Jesus Christ is your Lord, and believe in your own heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in his heart that a man becomes right with God; and with his mouth he tells others of his faith, confirming his salvation. Living Bible

Scripture: Romans 10:1-13

This morning we are having the second of a series of sermons entitled, "3 - P's In A Pod." The second P for this morning is, "Profession." Last week we spoke of the, "Place." We were speaking of the altar and the use it has been used for. How it has come down to us in our present day and age and so on. Today I would like to speak on, "Profession." Meaning, "Something that we believe," as opposed to an occupation. Thinking along this line we read as our scripture for this morning a portion of Paul's letter to the Romans, in which he puts this forth. Now Paul, you must understand was speaking to the Jews in Rome in particular. If you will open our Bibles to this chapter, we are going to delve into 3 verses of this chapter. That is the 10th chapter of Romans.

Paul is trying to impart to these Romans that they had tried to live by the law and they had tried to become righteous in this way, but they couldn't do it. That it is not the law that made them righteous because a person could live up to the letter of the law and still not be righteous. But Paul was also speaking to the Gentiles and trying to impart to them the same message. And so it is that in the 8th verse we read what Paul was really getting at. He said, "For salvation that comes from trusting Christ - which is what we preach - is already within easy reach of us; in fact, it is as near as our own hearts and mouths."

Now Paul was saying something quite different from what the Jews had been hearing for years, and trying to live.

A prominent lawyer in New York city once came to a noted clergyman. He asked this minister if he really believed in the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ. The minister answered that he did. The lawyer asked him if he could offer proof of this. The minister suggested that he would draw up a list of facts and present his case to him. He did this and the lawyer read it and said, "You have proved your case beyond a reasonable doubt. But I still have a problem with salvation. But it is not with my head, it is with my heart."

It is in the pew that the people make the acceptance of Christ with their hearts, and it is when they come forward that they make the public acceptance of Christ. They are saying not only with their presence at the altar but with their lives and with their voices that "Jesus Christ belongs to me." That they are standing apart from the rest of the world, and that they are willing to take a stand for Christ. But you see some people get uptight about this. They start saying, "Well why do we do this? We don't have to do this. Why can't we do this privately? I can do this in my home." This is true. But many times people who do this merely masquerade as Christians. They do not really make this acceptance, they just say this to have people believe that they are Christians. Then they go out and live the same kind of life as all of the unbelievers around them. A person who says, "I accept Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour," doesn't go out and act as a drunkard, or mix with the same drunken crowd he once did. A person who says, "Christ belongs to me" doesn't associate with those people who tell nothing but dirty stories all the time and use filthy language. A person who says, "Jesus Christ is mine," doesn't live an immoral life and run around with his secretary, or his neighbor's wife. A person who accepts Jesus Christ, lives that life, and that life becomes changed. Paul says he becomes a new creature. It can be done privately. I would not deny this. But it is with the heart and with the mouth that you show you accept Jesus Christ. This is why we have altar calls to give the person the chance in the pew to accept Christ, and then to come forward and stand on his two feet and say, "I have done this because I believe in Him, and He now lives in my heart."

But you see, we also have altar calls for another purpose. There are some people sitting in the pews on any given Sunday morning who may have made this acceptance a long time ago. But have become backsliders. They have drifted back into the things of the world because they have gotten away from the Word of God. They have gotten away from Church attendance.

They have gotten away from living the life that Christ has instilled in us
ice we become His. And so, they need to have the invitation extended to
them to turn their lives around and to make a re-commitment to Jesus Christ.
But we also extend altar calls to people who have problems. Many of you
come here on a Sunday morning with heavy hearts and minds and no one knows
it. Maybe you feel like you would like to speak to the preacher at the
door, but there are too many people around when he shakes your hand, and
so you say nothing. Many times you perhaps come here for help which you
do not receive. So therefore, we extend the invitation for anyone at any
time to come forward and to share their problem with the Pastor and let
him counsel with them and help them. To pray with them and let this person
seek the help needed. There is no need to get embarrassed or uptight, or
excited and say, "We don't do that in our church." Maybe we haven't, but
does that mean it is all wrong?" Maybe, some other people have not felt as
strongly as they should have about this. One thing we need to do and that
is, on any occasion to give people the opportunity to know Jesus Christ in
a new and different way.

I could name you people in this congregation who have made this commitment
in a new way and they have come alive, and their lives have changed. They
would be willing to tell you this. And many of them have told me they were
members of this church for X number of years, and now at last they know
what Christ should be and mean in their lives. This is what I am trying to
share with you. For I once sat in pews like you are sitting in. I thought
I was a Christian too. But I didn't know what Jesus Christ was all about
until I made this public Profession of Him. It was then that my life was
turned around and then I became a different person. And this is why I want
to share this with you. Not because I am trying to force you into doing
something that you do not want to do. Because it really does not make any
difference to me whether you make this commitment or not. It is between
you and Almighty God. Next week we will get into the "Purpose" of why we

do this. Then maybe you will see this in a different light from some of the things I have been hearing. But I'll tell you one thing, from time to time we are going to have altar calls in this church. And I would hope that if the Holy Spirit is moving within your heart and telling you to come forward and accept Christ, because maybe you don't have salvation like you think you do. Then I would say that you need to answer the call for commitment. This is why we make this "Profession." Not to show off to anyone around you. Not to let other people say, "Oh look at him, doesn't he look holy?" But to merely put our personal life in order with God. And then know for a certainty that we have eternal life through Jesus Christ because we are not ashamed to make this "Profession." Let us pray.

Almighty God, Our heavenly Father, we question many things in life. Many times we question why we have been put in a certain place at a certain time. We know that when we seek answers that you do indeed give these answers. So Father, if we have questions in our hearts that are unresolved, we would ask this morning that you would speak to our hearts. That we would understand that we can always come to you. And Father, we would pray that the hearts and the lives of the members of this congregation may be filled with your love. With a new understanding of what serving Jesus Christ really means. That this congregation can be turned on for the Lord. That we can see great things happen at the corner of Walker and Brugh Avenues in Butler, Pennsylvania. That we may not look at this congregation and this church as being so much tradition and history, and that we have only done certain things in a certain way. But that we may look anew at what Jesus would have us do in each of our lives. For we know that Jesus Christ does move and motivate us, and that He can live within each of us, that through Him we can have the confident assurance of salvation and eternal life. Father, we pray these things in His Name, and in the prayer that He taught us to pray ————
The Lord's Prayer.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA

MOTHER'S DAY May 9, 1976

THE REV. RALPH C. LINK, PASTOR
MRS. KAY MORRIS, ORGANIST
MRS. CYNDIE SYBERT, YOUTH CHOIR DIRECTOR
MARCIA McBRIDE, JEFF HOCKENBERRY - ACOLYTES

ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE: "ADAGIO SOSTENUTO" BEETHOVEN

PLEASE REMAIN SILENT DURING ORGAN CHIMES

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 31 "FATHER, AGAIN IN JESUS' NAME"

*SCRIPTION - CHORAL AMEN

*EXHORTATION

*CONFESSION (IN UNISON) "O MOST LOVING FATHER, WHO
WILLEST US TO GIVE THANKS FOR ALL THINGS, TO DREAD
NOTHING BUT THE LOSS OF THEE, AND TO CAST ALL OUR
CARE ON THEE, WHO CAREST FOR US; PRESERVE US FROM
FAITHLESS FEARS AND WORLDLY ANXIETIES, AND GRANT
THAT NO CLOUDS OF THIS MORTAL LIFE MAY HIDE US FROM
THE LIGHT OF THAT LOVE WHICH IS IMMORTAL, AND WHICH
THOU HAST MANIFESTED UNTO US IN THY SON JESUS CHRIST
OUR LORD. AMEN."

*KYRIE (CHOIR, CONGREGATION AND PASTOR)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON - CHORAL AMEN

*PRAISE

*PASTOR: O LORD OPEN OUR LIPS.

*PEOPLE: AND OUR MOUTH SHALL SHOW FORTH THY PRAISE

*DOXOLOGY No. 551

SCRIPTURE: 2 CORINTHIANS 4

HYMN No. 256 "LORD, SPEAK TO ME"

*AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)

*GLORIA PATRI

CALL TO PRAYER

PASTOR: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

PEOPLE: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.

PASTOR: LET US PRAY

PRAYER AND PRAYER RESPONSE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "BENEDICTION"

KARG-ELERY

ANTHEM: "LOVE ONE ANOTHER" GERMAINE HABJAN YOUTH CHOIR

SERMON: "3-P'S IN A POD"

3. PURPOSE

TEXTS: EPHESIANS 3: 17-19
ROMANS 10:14, 15a
2 COR. 4:5

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 470 "SAVIOUR, THY DYING LOVE"

*BENEDICTION AND THREE FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE "ARIA IN F MAJOR"

HANDEL

*CONGREGATION STANDING - - - - -

THE LOVELY FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN PLACED BY

DONN MILLER IN LOVING MEMORY OF HIS "MOTHER" -

DOROTHY KALB MILLER.

SERVING AS USHERS TODAY ARE *WALLY FEDER, JOHN SNOW,

MONT MACKINNEY, HERB SHEARER AND STEVE VARGO.

ELDER AND MRS. HOWARD BOLAM WILL REPRESENT COUNCIL

AT THE DOOR TODAY.

THE ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY WAS 223.

NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED TODAY BY VICKIE HOLT AND

LINDA McMILLIN.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK MR. WILLIAM OHL FOR SERVING

AS LITURGIST TODAY.

WED. - 6:00 - MOTHER AND DAUGHTER BANQUET - BRING

TURKEY AND TABLE SERVICE. MEAT, DESSERT AND BEVERAGE

WILL BE PROVIDED. IF YOU BRING MORE THAN 2 GUESTS

PLEASE BRING AN EXTRA TURKEY.

TONIGHT - 7:30 - THE YOUTH GROUP IS SPONSORING A RALLY

TO BE HELD AT OUR CHURCH. THE SONSHINES, A LOCAL

CHRISTIAN SINGING GROUP, WILL BE IN CHARGE. PARENTS

AND YOUTH ARE URGED TO ATTEND.

THERE IS A PAIR OF BLACK GLOVES WITH A HIGH KNOT CUFF

IN THE OFFICE IF THEY BELONG TO YOU - PLEASE CLAIM

THEM.

NEXT SUNDAY - SPRING ASSOCIATION MEETING AT MEADVILLE

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING - CONTACT THE

PASTOR OR SECRETARY.

ELEANOR McWILLIAMS WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THOSE THAT

SENT CARDS AND GET WELL WISHES WHILE SHE WAS RECENTLY

HOSPITALIZED.

BUTLER AREA LAYMENS DINNER - GRACE REFORM CHURCH,

HARMONY - MAY 20. TICKETS ARE \$2.50 AND THE WIVES

ARE ALSO INVITED. CHUCK PENAR AND BOB TAIT HAVE

TICKETS.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEET.

MAY 18

NELLIE HUGHES IN HOSPITAL

7:30

"7 - 'I'm in 'God'---4. Purpose

Intro: ver 1:17-19, ver 10:14, 15a, 2 ver 4:5

Paraphrase: 1-Place, 2-Profession

Conclusion if we admit I've made a win

3-Purpose & 3 Scriptures:

Isaiah 7:17-19, Amos 4:1-5, My concern

"Spiritual lif peop

2:17-19 ver 17 - 19

Isaiah 7:17, 15a, Amos 4:1-5

11-12 this scripture

Intro all side of 1:17-19 = 2 ver 4:5

1-1st part 1:17-19 = 2 preach 10, 1 this why altar calls

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"3 - P's In A Pod"

3. Purpose

Texts: Ephesians 3:17-19

- That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

Romans 10:14, 15a

How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?

2 Corinthians 4:5

For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

By way of summary of the last two messages we have had, I would like to point out that we have covered several things in this series entitled, "3 - P's In A Pod." The first thing was the "Place" of the altar and how it has evolved down through the years. This was the establishment of the altar where we do make use of it and ask people to make a "Profession" which was message number two. We tried to explain why we profess this or express this "Profession" in a church. One point which needs to be added to this, was brought to my attention following the service last Sunday. A woman who is a member of this church asked me, "If I have made this commitment, and am striving to live the Christian life, must I make it again?" The answer of course, is "No." Once a person has made this commitment to Christ and is striving to live and do as Christ would have us to do, it isn't necessary to make this commitment over and over. But, if a person has made this commitment and is having problems in living up to this commitment, then perhaps the Holy Spirit will tell this individual to recommit their life, or to make this re-profession of faith. Or to really search their life to determine whether this commitment was ever made or not. And that is simply what it amounts to. This morning we are going to look at the "Purpose" of the use of the altar. I am going to ask you to look up 3 portions of Scripture with me, which we will use for this message this morning. We will not be switching back and forth, so do not be alarmed that we will be confusing you in this manner.

We will use one portion of scripture and then go on to the next one. The first portion of scripture is from Paul's letter to the Ephesians the 3rd chapter. I also want to state that we are not taking a few verses out of context, and using them to make my point in this way. I would urge you to read these portions of scripture in their entirety and you will see that Paul is stating exactly what I am trying to convey to you this morning. The people at Ephesus must have been asking questions that people are still asking today. The big question that is asked about the "Purpose" for altar calls is, "Why?" Why are we concerned with someone sitting in the pew and ask them to look at their life and to think of the relationship they have with Jesus Christ? Why perhaps do we bother strangers who may come to visit our church and ask them to look at their lives and make a commitment? The answer is to be found in Paul's letter here, beginning with the 17th verse. Paul states very simply, "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith." He is saying that you make this commitment, you make this profession and Jesus Christ lives in your heart. But it is done not with your head, it is done with your heart. It is done by faith, by trust that this will take place. Then he goes on and says, "That ye, being rooted and grounded in love," this is the love that flows from Jesus Christ when He is our Saviour. That we find a love that we didn't know before. "That we may be able to comprehend with all saints," to understand with every other believer what it is to believe in Jesus Christ. What it really means to have Him in our life. "What is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height." In other words all of the dimensions of life. Life takes on a new dimension, a new personality. It is like standing on top of a mountain and looking out at a seascape or landscape stretching out before us. It is like the candy bar commercial which finds it hard to describe the candy bar that says, "Its indescribably delicious." This is what life really becomes when Christ really lives in our hearts and lives. It becomes different. Then Paul goes on to say, "And to know the love of Christ," because our love

not only flows to Him, but His love flows toward us. This passes all human knowledge. We cannot understand it, we cannot comprehend it, we cannot know what it is until we have it. "That ye might be filled with all the fulness of God." What he is saying here is that when a person comes to Christ, that Comforter promised by Jesus, that Holy Spirit comes and lives in our lives. We become different people, because we have a new being living within us that makes us and moves us to do the things we should. So Paul is saying this is why we make this commitment.

But when we turn to the 10th chapter of Paul's letter to the Romans, at the point where we left off last week, we can answer the question, "How is this achieved?" How do we go about this? How is this brought into being? If you remember we left off with the 13th verse which reads, "For whosoever will call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Then in the 14th verse and the beginning of the 15th verse, Paul puts down in his beautiful way, in a form in which people could understand, his argument. He asks a series of questions and each question brings the person further along to where he can understand what Paul was trying to say. And so the questions begin, "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?"

Now I would like to reverse this order, and begin with the last question and move up to the first question in a logical sequence. So to the last question first, "And how shall they preach, except they be sent?", we realize that what Paul is saying is that anyone who is to be a preacher must be called by God. This is one of the problems in our churches today and that is the fact, that people who are preaching, and holding down jobs who have never been called by God. I do not believe that this job, or this occupation, or profession, or whatever you want to call it, can be held by anyone who doesn't sincerely know and believe that God has extended a call to him. I believe that one of the problems today is that people, perhaps late in high school, or early in

college go over a list of available occupations. "Perhaps a school teacher? "N that field is overcrowded. Medicine? No, that takes too long. A Lawyer? No, that takes too long also. Now here's a good one, the Ministry. I'll become a minister." And so we get these half baked people who preach everything but what they should from the pulpits of our nation. I think a person like Paul said, must be called. And he should be able to say that God has called me to preach. This is what Paul is telling us. Then he asks the question, "And how shall they hear without a preacher?" We know that a congregation can be run without a preacher, that it can be held together by someone who is a part time preacher. But it takes someone full time who is willing to devote his life to the sharing of the Word, to the sharing of his life and his ministry with people of all walks of life within that congregation. We cannot do it strictly with laymen, we must have someone who is set aside for this purpose. This is the duty of the preacher.

Ar then he asks, "And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?" And here we have the burden of proof on the preacher himself. Because if that preacher does not give the Word to the people sitting in the pews, how are they going to know of Him, who is Jesus Christ? And then he puts the burden of proof on the congregation themselves and asks, "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed?" In other words he is saying, "If you have a preacher who has been called, and you have a preacher who has preached to you about Jesus Christ, and you have heard about Him, and you have not accepted Him and believe in Him, then how can you call upon Him? How can you expect your life to be different from the ordinary and set apart, if you will not accept Him of whom you have heard? So this then is Paul's argument for the reason how to achieve the "Purpose." We hear, and we believe, and we accept.

T we come to the third section of Scripture which was read as our morning Scripture. Paul wrote this letter to the Corinthians. If you will read on in this chapter as was read this morning, you will see that Paul is telling the

problems of being a preacher. He is saying that there have been a lot of things which have come into his life, but in all of these things he is willing and able to bear them because of the strength which comes from having Jesus Christ in his life. And so it is not that we cannot understand but if we read what he says, we can understand more fully. He says, We are troubled on every side, but yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed." And so come to the point where we want to ask, "What is the Purpose of altar calls? Of asking commitments from people? Of asking people to accept Christ to change their lives?" And we need to turn now to one verse of this portion of scripture where Paul says, "For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake." He is saying that we cannot preach anything else. You know, what he is saying needs to be understood by a lot of people who have difficulty understanding some things. We believe that we have a denominational structure that we have to uphold. We have a Conference that we are to look up to. We have an association that we look up to. And we have a congregation that we have to hold together. But I have to tell you quite frankly that I owe no allegiance to any denomination. I owe no allegiance to any Conference. I owe no allegiance to any Association. I owe no allegiance to any congregation. The only one I owe any allegiance to is Almighty God. It is before Him that I have taken my vows. It is to Him that I owe my life. And it is to Him that I have dedicated my life. And it is to Him that I owe everything that I am, or have or ever will be. And it is not to men that I owe allegiance.

But I also know another thing and that is I have a job, or an occupation, or a profession if you will. Along with my job there are certain things I have to do. I must show some results for my efforts and to earn my keep. There isn't a one of you sitting here this morning who doesn't have a job or occupation of some kind. Whether that job be a housewife or a student,

this is your occupation. Each one of you I am sure wants to do your job the very best of your ability. Each one of you I am sure does this. Yet, I am not presumptuous enough to go down to Armco, or to Pullman, or to the Bank, or wherever you work and tell you how to do your job. Yet, an awful lot of people tell me how to run mine. They tell me I shouldn't do this, or I shouldn't do that, and I shouldn't do the other thing. But I'll tell you quite frankly, I know my job. I've got my textbook, I use it every day. I try to live by it. I try to preach by it. I try to minister to you by it. And as long as I am trying to do what God says He wants me to do, I will answer to Him. I think you need to realize there is such a thing as a ministry in a congregation. The Purpose of that ministry is to minister to the needs of the people.

You know a lot of people think, and I joke about this myself, that a minister only works one hour a week. And we have fun with this. But some people seem actually think that I work on Sunday and then go home and collapse until next Sunday. But you know you do not understand what is involved. Some of you have had me bury your loved ones. You perhaps have seen me without any emotion, with any feeling, and you think I am some sort of robot. But you know, when you mourn, I mourn. When you are ill, I am ill. If you have a problem, I have a problem. You do not know the times I have laid awake at night thinking of the problems and concerns of your life, and of this congregation. You don't know the tears I have shed for your loved ones, or the prayers I have offered on your behalf. You don't know the times my wife and I have laid awake in the wee hours of the morning talking over some of the problems of this Church. But like Paul I'm willing to bear it because it is my job, because I have taken these vows before God.

I ran across a poem written by an unknown author I would like to share with you.

(Poem follows on next page)

I've dreamed many dreams that never came true,
I've seen them vanish at dawn;
But I've realized enough of my dreams, thank God,
To make me want to dream on.

I've prayed many prayers when no answer came,
Though I've waited patient and long;
But answers have come to enough of my prayers,
To make me keep praying on.

I've trusted many a friend who failed,
And left me to weep alone;
But I've found enough friends true blue,
To make me keep trusting on.

I've sown many seeds that fell by the way,
For the birds to feed upon;
But I've held enough golden sheaves in my hand,
To make me want to keep sowing on.

I've drained the cup of disappointment and pain,
And gone many days without song;
But I've sipped enough nectar from the roses of life,
To make me want to live on.

This to me is my philosophy of life. This to me is the ministry of Jesus Christ. I was called here, and I don't know why. I don't understand it. I didn't understand it then and I don't understand it now. All that I know is that God has entrusted me with a job and I am trying to do that job to the best of my ability and I always will, as long as He gives me health, and strength, and ability, and voice. I came here with dreams, hopes, and visions. Some of those dreams have come true. Some need to be fulfilled. But I'll tell you one thing, the "Purpose" of altar calls in the church, the "Purpose" of asking people to commit their lives to Jesus Christ is number one because a long time ago I accepted Jesus Christ and it changed my life. And I want to share this with you.

You may want to ignore salvation which is offered to you by God and this is your privilege. You may want to get uptight about what I preach and this is your business. But I ~~must~~ preach Jesus Christ, as God lays it upon my heart. I must do the things that I think need to be done in the ministry of this church as God leads me to do it. And as long as we can do this we have a ministry that can grow and progress and produce for the kingdom

of God. As long as we can see people accept Christ, and see lives changed, and people grow spiritually, we can have a ministry. But when this ceases, I'm afraid the ministry ceases and the minister must move on to a congregation who wants this. This is the "Purpose" of the ministry, to lead souls to Jesus Christ, irregardless of the slurs or slanders of any who would stand against this. I do not believe that anyone, or anything, should ever ask the ministry of a congregation to compromise to do the things things that are comfortable, so that people do not have to make a commitment to Jesus Christ. This is the message that Jesus Christ has laid upon my heart and I believe that we need to share this together. May God open our hearts and our lives that perhaps we can see this in a different way. Let us pray!

Our Gracious Heavenly Father, at this moment I must thank you personally for what You did for me. I must thank You that You have brought me here to these people. I believe you have a purpose in mind. I know You have a ministry for me of some kind. Father I would ask You to open the hearts of those who cannot see what You are trying to say, what You are trying to do in this congregation. That You would let them come to a commitment to Jesus Christ, that they may not be ashamed and may not hide behind telephone calls, or innuendoes, or anything else, but that they may truly question and may truly come to an understanding of what Christ really is and should mean in their hearts and lives. Father, I thank You for these people. I thank You for those who have not only made this commitment, but whose lives have been changed. We have seen the growth. We have seen the joy. Now Father, I ask You that You would let this happen in the lives of many others. That they too may share the joy that we can feel and we can have. Bless each one and keep them in your care for we ask it in the Name and for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, in the prayer that He taught us — The Lord's Prayer.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA
 FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTER TIDE MAY 16, 1976
 THE REV. RALPH C. LINK, PASTOR
 MRS. KAY MORRIS, ORGANIST
 MR. RALPH COOPER, CHOIR DIRECTOR
 JEFF CAMPBELL, TERRY MCCLIMANS - ADOLYTES

 ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.
 PRELUDE: "CHACONNE" COUPERIN
 PLEASE REMAIN SILENT DURING ORGAN CHIMES
 *PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 12 "FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH"
 *ASCRPTION - CHORAL AMEN

*EXHORTATION
 *CONFESSION (IN UNISON) "MOST HOLY AND MOST GRACIOUS GOD,
 WHO TURNST THE SHADOW OF NIGHT INTO MORNING, SATISFY US
 EARLY WITH THY MERCY, THAT WE MAY REJOICE AND BE GLAD
 ALL THE DAY. LIFT THE LIGHT OF THY COUNTENANCE UPON US;
 CALM EVERY TROUBLED THOUGHT; AND GUIDE OUR FEET INTO THE
 WAY OF PEACE. PERFECT THY STRENGTH IN OUR WEAKNESS, AND
 HELP US TO WORSHIP THEE; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD,
 AMEN."

*KYRIE (CHOIR, CONGREGATION AND PASTOR)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON - CHORAL AMEN

*PRAISE

*PASTOR: "O LORD OPEN OUR LIPS.

*PEOPLE: AND OUR MOUTH SHALL SHOW FORTH THY PRAISE

*DOXOLOGY No. 551

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 10: 38-42
 COLOSSIANS 3: 18-21

HYMN No. 445 "O HAPPY HOME"

*STATEMENT OF FAITH (FRONT FEW PAGES OF THE HYMNAL)

*GLORIA PATRI

CALL TO PRAYER

PASTOR: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

PEOPLE: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.

PASTOR: LET US PRAY

PRAYER AND PRAYER RESPONSE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "Adagio" MOZART

ANTHEM: "THE GREEN CATHEDRAL" HAHN

FLUTES - DORIS ANGELONI, ROLAND THOMPSON

SERMON: "HOME RULE"

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 390 "COME, LET US JOIN WITH
 FAITHFUL SOULS"

*BENEDICTION AND THREE FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE "CORTEGE" YOUNG

----- *CONGREGATION STANDING -----

THE LOVELY FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN PLACED IN
 LOVING MEMORY OF MR. & MRS. JAMES P. CHRISTY - PARENTS
 OF MRS. CAMPBELL BY THE PAUL W. CAMPBELL FAMILY.

SERVING AS USHERS TODAY ARE *ROBBIE VINROE, BOB DELLEN,
 BRIAN PFABE AND STEVE SMITH.

MR. & MRS. GEORGE PFLUGH WILL BE THE GREETERS AT THE
 DOOR TODAY.

THE ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY WAS 252
 NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED TODAY BY PAULINE FENCIL,
 KAREN VENSEL, ROBIN KNAUER.

HOSPITALIZED: MRS. NELLIE HUGHES, MISS MARIE DAUBENSPECK,
 AND MRS. DOROTHY KENNEDY. *JANE PFLUGH MOTHER - ICU*
 NO YOUTH GROUP MEETING THIS EVENING. *HAL MARSHALL*

TODAY - 2:30 - LAKE ERIE ASSOCIATION MEETING AT
 MEADVILLE. MR. & MRS. WM. THOMPSON, REV. & MRS. LINK
 WILL BE GOING. ANYONE ELSE WISHING TO GO CONTACT THE
 PASTOR.

MON. - 7:30 - FIDELITY BIBLE CLASS MEETING.

TUES. - 7:30 - SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

THURS. - 10:30 - MARY MARTHA CIRCLE MEETING AT THE
 CHURCH - SARA SNOW - HOSTESS.

WE EXTEND OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY TO WIFE, FAMILY AND
 FRIENDS OF MR. GEORGE L. DAVIS WHO PASSED AWAY THIS
 WEEK.

ADDITIONAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION CARDS
 ARE IN THE OFFICE - IF YOU NEED ONE PICK IT UP TODAY.
 JUNE 14-17, 21-24.

WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF SOME MORE HELPERS IN THE
 NURSERY DEPARTMENT. IF YOU CAN GIVE OF YOUR HELP
 1 HOUR EVERY COUPLE OF MONTHS - PLEASE CONTACT THE
 OFFICE OR MRS. DORIS ZAVACKY - CHR. THIS WILL BE
 DURING MORNING WORSHIP ON SUNDAY.

BUTLER AREA LAYMENS DINNER - GRACE REFORM CHURCH,
 HARMONY - MAY 20 - (THIS THURSDAY) - TICKETS ARE
 \$2.50. WIVES ARE INVITED. CHUCK PENAR, BOB TAIT
 HAVE TICKETS. *LADIES WITH JANE HAHN*

FOR MEMBERS - 1800-21-24

WELCOME VISITORS

"Home Rule"

Text: Col. 3:13-20

(us. Dr. Sadman & girl who only needed garage)
Mechanized, motorized society & breakdown Am. home
solution: go 2 G's word/no 1, 2, 3, but much given
we be like 10:33-42, Col 3:13-20

Bois down 2 children & parents

Children need B taught/sun go astr y tho taught

But mor import, parents need show HOME RULE

(Illus children playing papa, and momma)

Children education caught as well as taught

(Illus. girl no close door)

Parents need 2 correct, scold, punish

but sun afraid child hav bad image of parent no do

(Illus Mothers costly lie)

Day care centers 2 free mother from slavery,

2 many children know strangers more than parents

(Illus what grandmothers are)

It still home where greatest influence is to B had

children still need 2 B formed there

(Illus holding of child)

en last time children heard dad read Bible, pray?

" " " mother took time 2 tell child about G?

On we get bak 2 the basics of raising children,

we will 2 reverse of family breakdown

It still will 2 to stop current trend

Lead homes where parents & the leaders, the children

now obedience expected of them,

Here family is built on luv for each other

and luv for G.

"Home Rule"

Text: Colossians 3:12-20

Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.
And, as the church loves her body, and herself to cleanse it with the word of water by the word.
Children, obey your parents in the Lord; for this is right in the Lord.

Text: Luke 10:38-42, Colossians 3:12-21

Many things have been said and written about the home. Some of these are in jest, while others strike a more serious note. Dr. Charles Coleman a noted clergyman used to tell of a girl who ~~had~~ held a few of the ideas that seem to be very prevalent today.

(Illustration of girl who only needed a garage).

We can laugh at something like this, but actually we are living in an age in which everything is mechanized to the point that very shortly we will all have some sort of wheels under us so that we no longer will need to move our feet or legs. All of this has brought us to the point where the biggest problem we face today is the breakdown of the American home.

But this problem is so needless, it is absolutely amazing that more people do not see the solution to it. We can live in our 20th century America and still keep our homes intact, but to do so requires that we put forth a little extra effort. And this is perhaps where the problem lies, in that we are too lazy to solve our problems and we want someone to do it for us. The solution I am speaking of has to do with God and His Word, and here again we see the problem because a goodly majority of American people want to do their own thing and they have no concern or care about the things of religion. Therefore, it becomes doubly imperative that those who do believe, show by their lives, and the lives of their children and families that in the midst of all of the feverish activities which tear apart the home, that there is an answer to the problem. Once again this takes us directly back to the Word of God.

The Bible spells out in story and illustration how a family should be conducted and how they should live. There ~~is~~ ^{is} no one specific chapter we can turn to which pinpoints in one, two, three order the steps to success in family life. But scattered throughout the Bible are to be found suggestions, thoughts, and ideas on

her to conduct family living. We read as our scripture for this morning two incidents dealing with this subject. The first incident involves Jesus stopping at the home of His friend Lazarus and Lazarus' two sisters, Mary and Martha. We see in this small incident involving Mary and Martha, two illustrations of two different types of personalities. Mary liked to sit and listen to Jesus talk. She was interested in hearing the things that could change her life. Martha on the other hand was concerned with keeping a well run and organized house. This does not mean to say that either of them was completely wrong or completely right. It merely points out that it takes both concerns to run a household. One cannot always be reading and studying and neglecting the chores that need to be done. Neither can one always be doing the work ~~xxxxxx~~ that needs to be done at the expense of some needed knowledge. And, we have in this lesson the illustration that we must be well rounded in our homes, and not be just one sided.

The other portion of scripture for this morning comes from the very intelligent mind of the Apostle Paul. As in many areas of life, Paul had some answers for the problems people face in living that life. The people at Collosae were much like you and me. They were concerned about raising their children in the heathen atmosphere which surrounded them. So they needed some guidance along these lines. We see in these 4 short verses that Paul is setting things forth in a logical order. He first tells the wives that they are to ~~xx~~ treat their husbands in a certain manner, but that the husbands are to really love their wives. He then admonishes the children to obey their parents, and then closes with some further advice to the Fathers.

Thus, this portion of scripture is divided into 3 parts. But for this morning I would like to make it just two parts. The first part being the children, and the second part being the parents.

When we read this verse about children verse 20, we see that Paul is appealing to the sense of wanting to please God. This is entirely biblical for God makes the promise to the children in the 5th Commandment that obedience to the parents will be rewarded with long life. Paul states in the letter to the Ephesians that this is the first commandment with a promise.

but what really shows up in this verse is the fact that the children are incapable of raising themselves. The burden of having the proper children is placed upon the shoulders of the parents. So then the emphasis needs to be directed to the parents. This is not to say that children should just do their own thing because if they turn out wrong it is the parents who are to blame. But for the most part children are a direct reflection upon the training and ~~xx~~ "word rule" they have received. But we must also add that there are cases where the children have turned against what their parents tried to instill in them. So we need to direct our thinking toward the parents.

(Illustration of two children playing "Dada and Mamma")

We can see from this that children learn something from the parents. That they learn is not only taught, but caught. But it is imperative that teaching and training be given. A woman who raised 7 Christian sons, said she did it with ~~xxxx~~ prayer and hickory.

(Illustration of boy who would not close the door)

That the little boy needed was a father indeed. A father who was concerned enough to apply a little persuasion to the proper place, without fear that he would warp the child's personality. Another man once told how he had come to grips with his disobedient son, (Illustration of father's promise to God on behalf of son). But it isn't only a father that is needed, but it is mothers as well. One young man who stood before the judge was asked if he had anything to say before the judge pronounced the death sentence replied, "Oh, if I'd had a mother I would not be here now." This is the tragedy of our society today that those who should be the mainstays of the home, the mothers, are neglecting their duties to do everything else but be a proper parent.

(Illustration of millionaire in Fgh and willing everything to his dog)

The tragedy of our times. The curse that because money is more readily available that it can solve all of the problems of life.

(Illustration of girl and mother who would not admit her daughter was underage)

This is another tragedy, that parents will not take the stand they should to protect their children from the evils of the world, and they rationalize that they do not want to earn the disfavor of their children. This is an example of a mother who will in all probability feel the remorse and regret of being partially

responsible for the death and loss of her child.

One of the big things in today's society is the new and cry for more and more day-care centers. The women's lib movement has been pushing this issue above and beyond many others, in order for more women to "quote, "earn their independence from housewife slavery." Many children today know strangers better, than they do their own mothers, because they are with strangers for 8 to 10 hours while mother gets liberated. More kids know their grandmothers better than they know their parents, because many children spend more time with grandma than at home. That is a grandmother today. According to one girl, "A grandmother is, etc," (Illustration of a grandmother is!)

Because grandmas are the only grownups who have time! Isn't this the tragedy of 20th century America? We certainly cannot condemn the grandparents of today. In fact, we need to thank God for them, because they at least are showing a concern that modern parents do not seem to have or feel.

If we look at the element of time in the lives of our young people we see that it is simply not true that the school system exerts the greatest influence on our children. Consider for instance, that the average child spends about 40 hours per week in school, 9 months of the year. A child who comes from a home where religion plays a part of the family life, spends about 30 hours a year in church. But a child spends about 60 hours per week at home. So where is it that the greatest influence can be made? In the home of course. Therefore, it is imperative that the parents exert that influence while there is still time. When was the last time many of us decided that we were going to have some religious instruction in our homes? and not ~~xx~~ let the church do the whole job? When was the last time we prayed with and for our children? Have our children ever heard or seen their daddy read the Bible or pray? When the largest majority of our people can answer these questions in the affirmative, then we are going to witness the major change that our nation needs. It is still the "Home Rule" that is necessary to keep America from going down the drain. The "Home Rule" where the parents are the leaders, and the children are obedient, and the family is built around love for each other, and love for God.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA
SIXTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE May 23, 1976
THE REV. RALPH C. LINK, PASTOR
MRS. KAY MORRIS, ORGANIST
MR. RALPH COOPER, CHOIR DIRECTOR
JEFF CAMPBELL, TERRY MCCLIMANS - ACOLYTE

ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE: "O GOD, THOU FAITHFUL GOD" BRAHMS
PLEASE REMAIN SILENT DURING ORGAN CHIMES
*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 180 "LOOK, YE SAINTS, THE SIGHT
IS GLORIOUS"

*ACRISPION - CHORAL AMEN

*EXHORTATION

*CONFESSION (UNISON) "O LORD, WHOSE WAY IS PERFECT,
HELP US, WE PRAY THEE, ALWAYS TO TRUST IN THY GOODNESS;
THAT, WALKING WITH THEE AND FOLLOWING THEE IN ALL
SIMPLICITY, WE MAY POSSESS QUIET AND CONTENTED MINDS,
AND MAY CAST ALL OUR CARE UPON THEE, FOR THOU CAREST
FOR US; FOR THE SAKE OF JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN."

*KYRIE (CHOIR, CONGREGATION AND PASTOR)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON - CHORAL AMEN

*PRAISE

*PASTOR: "O LORD OPEN OUR LIPS.

*PEOPLE: AND OUR MOUTH SHALL SHOW FORTH THY PRAISE

*DOXOLOGY No. 551

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 1: 1-11

HYMN No. 182 "FAIREST LORD JESUS!"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)

*GLORIA PATRI

CALL TO PRAYER

PASTOR: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

PEOPLE: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.

PASTOR: LET US PRAY.

PRAYER AND PRAYER RESPONSE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "VOLUNTARY IN A MINOR" BOYCE

ANTHEM: "TRUST IN THE LORD" HANDEL

SERMON: "GOING AND COMING"

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 371 "JESUS SHALL REIGN"

*BENEDICTION AND THREE FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE "CHANSON" YOUNG

--- *CONGREGATION STANDING ---

THE LOVELY FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN PLACED IN

MEMORY OF "LOVED ONES" BY MR. & MRS. DON ZEIGLER.

SERVING AS USHERS TODAY ARE: *DON KINGSLEY,

RICHARD MANGEL, GARY PENAR AND HARRY FRY.

MR. & MRS. ROBERT DELLEN WILL BE THE GREETERS AT THE
DOOR TODAY.

THE ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY WAS 227.

NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED TODAY BY: MRS. VIRGINIA

MANGEL, LIZ ARMSTRONG AND KAREN KENNEDY.

MONDAY - 7:00 - WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP BOARD MEETING
AT THE CHURCH

THURS. - 7:00 - BIBLE STUDY - *NO BIBLE STUDY UNTIL
JUNE 1*

TONIGHT - YOUTH FELLOWSHIP *SEPT.*

WOMEN'S LAKE ERIE ASSOCIATION MEETING - JUNE 5.

SATURDAY AT 10:00 A.M. AT ST. MARK'S UCC, NEW

HAMBURG. DIRECTIONS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN NARTHEX.

A REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH WOMEN'S GROUP, GUILD,

SUNDAY SCHOOL GROUP AND ETC. PUT A COUPLE OF SANDWICHES

IN A BAG AND JOIN IN. BEVERAGE AND DESSERT WILL BE

PROVIDED BY HOST CHURCH. REGISTRATION 9:30 - PROGRAM

OVER BY 3:00 P.M.

PLEASE TURN YOUR REGISTRATIONS IN FOR VACATION BIBLE

SCHOOL TODAY - IF YOU FORGOT IT - PLEASE MAKE OUT

A NEW ONE IN THE NARTHEX. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT

SO THE COMMITTEE CAN ORDER MATERIALS AND NOT BE SHORT.

IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL,

COMMUNITY COLLEGE, OR ANY COLLEGE - PLEASE GIVE US

THEIR NAMES.

HOSPITALIZED: MRS. NELLIE HUGHES, MRS. DOROTHY

KENNEDY. - *HERE TODAY*

THE NEW SUMMER SCHEDULE WILL BEGIN JUNE 6 - WITH

CHURCH SCHOOL AT 9:00 AND MORNING WORSHIP AT 10:00.

JUNE 6 WILL BE HOLY COMMUNION AT 10:00 AND MONDAY

JUNE 7 - HOLY COMMUNION (ALTAR) FOR THOSE THAT CAN

NOT MAKE IT ON SUNDAY.

IF YOU ARE PLANNING A TRIP TO THE LANCASTER-PHILADELPHIA

AREA THIS SUMMER, YOU MAY WANT TO STAY AT LANCASTER

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY. OVER-NIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS WILL

BE AVAILABLE IN RICHARDS HALL FOR INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES,

OR GROUPS BETWEEN JUNE 21 AND AUG. 8. SEE B ETIN

BOARD FOR OTHER INFORMATION.

*I will be out of town / PHOTOS IN REAR
WELCOME VISITORS OF CHURCH*

"Going and Coming"

Acts 1:11, YE MEN OF GALILEE, WHY STAND YE HERE
LOOKING UP INTO THE SKY, HEAVENLY JESUS
HATH SAID OF YOU, YE SHALL BE WITNESSES
OF ALL THINGS WHICH I HAVE SAID UNTO YOU.

(Illus lady bus N.Y., drunk, map Manchuria)
Lord G lik intric map land, peop foreign our way lif
Book tak on appear timetable
We G comings/goings peop & fame
lif Js cas in it/every moment schedule & it was
series 4 this M tintab GOING out this world
4th of this scrip.

Vs 9, story little boy & G must a left handed
Vs 11, (G), this prom of G & speak nother earth app
earance of Js,

lps to by, no Js, disciples begin write just in case,
finally, on left & he die & all originals gone
Ch Mathews preach 2nd coming
yr aft yr, cant aft cent & message deteriorate
finally watched down until day many no believe
2nd coming means we cum at death, I accept but Js mean
on person accept Js say " " " other things
we can master/2day/2morrow " " " " " "

(Illus pul li collapse, Shold I come there)
I believ & meant it wen sent 2 angels & sell of it
In ch's day many, many turn bak & this belief,
reasons very plain
lik no permit cover/suntime in future mayB series III
day scrip vs 7, no1 knows wen,
21st chap luk start vs 5

in all this is also events 2 cur aft Js appear
4 believers

Here then G's plan 4 GOING of Js &
4 believer time 2 anticip/unbeliever, unsav, uncomit it
Js so ear clouds/graves ope & believ hods meet in ^{fear}
Believs living also

Proz left earth in tribulation & turmoil & cum
Anti-Christ titler, only worse
how better wot believ & wot choos do bout it
Ker not liv & 2nd coming Js,
but cud 2 day, 2morrow, next month, yr ????

1thing I believ, we in latter days & pres worl system
days numbered

(Illus wealthy man & chanter)
not matter wot hav or not hav, not money, wealth etc
Is matter & rely 4 GOING Js is
Is count hrs, days, yrs. He stand gaz heaven
only need kno latter text. 4believ comfort, hope
4 unbeliev=fear & dread. CHAP 3 U STAY

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ "Going and Coming"

John 1:11. "I have come in my own name, but ye have not received me. I have come in my own name, but ye have not received me. I have come in my own name, but ye have not received me."

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A lady got on a bus in New York city and the only available seat was next to a drunk. The lady sat down as unobtrusively as she could and quietly opened her purse and took out a ~~xxx~~ very detailed map of Manchuria. She quietly studied it for some time, and the drunk awoke and looked at the map and then said to the woman, "are you sure you're on the right bus lady?"

As we read the word of God, we can compare it to an intricate map of lands and people who are quite foreign to our way of life. But as we study the Book it takes on ~~xxx~~ more of the appearance of a timetable, than a map.

It sees recorded the comings and goings of many people and their families.

The life of Jesus ~~xxx~~ is a road case in point. His every moment seemed to be on a schedule and indeed it was. And so it is as we turn to our scripture for today that the timetable of His life is directed to His going out of this world.

It begins by telling his real or imagined friend that the previous book he had written, told the life story of Jesus Christ. Jesus had given his disciples instructions in proper living through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. ~~xxx~~ Luke tells how Jesus came back from the dead, and showed himself to many people which was infallible proof of His resurrection. This appearance from the dead lasted 40 days, and during this time Jesus spoke to them of many things concerning the kingdom of God.

Jesus had told them while they were all assembled together that they were to stay in Jerusalem and to await the promise He was going to fulfill in them in the near future. Jesus reminded them of the ministry of John the Baptist and how John baptized with water, but that they would be baptized with the Holy Spirit.

The disciples were concerned about what He was telling them and so they asked the obvious question, "Is it at this time you will restore the Kingdom of God in Israel?" They did not completely understand the message that Jesus was trying to impart to them. But Jesus passes this off and tells them that it is not

for them to know the time schedule of God. Jesus goes on to tell them that they were going to be His witnesses in Jerusalem and the surrounding area. By this they knew that the Church of Jesus Christ was to be established through them. If they didn't know it & understand it then, they found out very shortly. They were to be the ones who would spread the Word of God concerning this new found Saviour Jesus Christ. And it was at this point that Jesus ascended, or went up into the air, while they watched. This is how Ascension came about. This is where the doctrine concerning the belief in the Church came about. It is in the Apostles Creed that we say we believe in Jesus Christ who was crucified, dead, and buried, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ in ~~xxx~~ ~~hades~~, He ascended into heaven."

A little boy whose father was a preacher was riding home with his parents one Sunday, and he asked his father ~~xxxxxxxx~~ the question, "Is God left-handed?" His father said he didn't know, and why did the boy ~~xxxxxx~~ ask? The Sunday happened to be Ascension Sunday and the father had preached on the Ascension. The boy told his dad that several times in the sermon ~~xxx~~ he had said that Jesus ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father.

This Ascension was the part of the timetable of God, which took care of the "Going" of Jesus Christ. But the Scripture we read this morning took on a rather startling aspect for the disciples, for while they were looking at Jesus going from them until He disappeared into the clouds, two men in dazzling white apparel appeared in their midst. The men asked them the question, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven/"

Now here again was a promise from God, and it spoke of another earthly appearance of Jesus Christ. The disciples because of this warning, or message from God preached the imminent return of Jesus Christ. Years began to slip by and still He did not come. In order to continue the message, just in case they were to die before He came back, they began to write it down. Gradually one by one they were slain for their faith. Finally, only John was the last remaining disciple. Each of them had expected to see their Lord in their lifetime, but they didn't. When old John died and all of the original disciples were gone. The early church fathers took up the theme and preached the second coming of Jesus Christ. The idea was propagated and spread down through the years. But

as year upon year, and century after century has slipped by, the message has been in a state of deterioration. The message has been watered down, and all sorts of interpretations have been brought to the fore.

Some have said that His Second Coming, meant that at the point of death, He came to the individual believer. I wouldn't deny this, but believe that it is a good possibility. But I do not believe that was what Jesus meant. Some have felt that at the point when a person accepts Christ as their Saviour, this is His Second Coming. I can accept this as being perhaps a type of His Second Coming. But I do not believe this is what Jesus meant. Still others say that Jesus came to some yesterday, He will come to some today, and He will come to some tomorrow, and these Comings are His Second Coming. I can accept this too, but I do not believe this is what Jesus meant.

(Illustration of pulpit toiling over a preacher preaching, "Behold, I come")
I believe that when He said He would come again He meant it literally, and when

God sent two angels to the disciples to tell them that Jesus was going to come back in the clouds as He went into them, this is what was meant. Surprisingly, there are many, many people in the church today who are turning back to this view. The reasons are very plain to see if we look at them. Time does not permit us to delve into all of the reasons and implications about this Second Coming. I have always wanted to conduct a series of lessons and bible studies on the book of Revelation and the Second Coming of Jesus. Perhaps we could begin a series such as this on Sunday evenings in the near future. But we need to look at what Jesus himself said about all of this. He gave very definite things that were going to happen ~~xxxx~~ and each one of these things was going to lead us that much closer to His coming. And when these things were taking place the believer would know that these were signs of His imminent return. It was in our Scripture that Luke tells us that Jesus said it was not for anyone to know the times nor the seasons. But in the 21st chapter of Luke, Jesus spells much of the signs out to His followers in answer to their questions starting with verse 5. We need to also understand that along with the signs of His Coming, there is also intermingled the things that will happen after Jesus appears and takes His followers back to heaven with Him. EXEGETE Scripture.

Here then spelled out for us to read, and to understand, is God's plan for "Coming." The "Coming" back of Jesus Christ, is for the believer a time to be anticipated. For the unbeliever or the unsaved and uncommitted people, it is a time of despair. For what will take place is that Jesus Christ will appear in the clouds and will take from the graves, the bodies of the believers, and those who are believers now alive walking on the earth will meet Him in the air and be taken to heaven with Him. Those who are left on earth, will be a part of the turmoil and mess that is to come. A part of this is to be the reign and rule of the Anti-Christ who will be a world wide leader, and will rule the world. This figure will be much like Hitler, only worse. The tribulation will be a part of this time, and all of this is predicted in God's Word as well.

So it becomes a matter of how and what we believe and what we choose to do about it. We may not live to see the second coming of Christ, but will be raised from the grave. But Jesus Christ could come today, or tomorrow, or the next day, month or year. One thing I do believe, and that is we are living in the latter days. I believe the days of this present world system are numbered. I believe that if we do not know Christ now, we better take care of that situation.

(Illustration wealthy man & chauffeur)

You see, it is not a matter of what we have or do not have. It is not a matter of how much money, or wealth, or anything else. It is a matter of being ready for His Coming. We need not count hours, or days, or years. We need not stand waiting up into heaven waiting. We need only know that "This same Jesus who was taken up into heaven, will come in like manner as he went into heaven." This is the promise of God. For the believer it is nothing to fear, and in fact a comfort. For the unbeliever it should be a fright and idea to be feared and awaited with dread. Where do we stand?

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE May 30, 1976
THE REV. RALPH C. LINK, PASTOR
MRS. KAY MORRIS, ORGANIST
MR. RALPH COOPER, CHOIR DIRECTOR
JEFF CAMPBELL, TERRY MCCLIMANS - ACOLYTES

ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE: "HOLY SPIRIT, TRUTH DIVINE" MUELLER
PLEASE REMAIN SILENT DURING ORGAN CHIMES
*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 440 "GOD OF OUR FATHERS"
*ACSCRIPTION - CHORAL AMEN
*EXHORTATION
*CONFESSION (UNISON) "ALMIGHTY GOD, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER,
IN WHOSE HANDS ARE THE LIVING AND THE DEAD; WE GIVE THEE
THANKS FOR ALL THOSE THY SERVANTS WHO HAVE LAID DOWN THEIR
LIVES IN THE SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY. GRANT TO THEM THY
MERCY AND THE LIGHT OF THY PRESENCE, THAT THE GOOD WORK
WHICH THOU HAST BEGUN IN THEM MAY BE PERFECTED; THROUGH
JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN."
*KYRIE (CHOIR, CONGREGATION AND PASTOR)
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON - CHORAL AMEN
*PRAISE
*PASTOR: O LORD OPEN OUR LIPS.
*PEOPLE: AND OUR MOUTH SHALL SHOW FORTH THY PRAISE
*DOXOLOGY
SCRIPTURE: 2 KINGS 17: 6-18
HYMN No. 441 "MY COUNTRY, 'TIS OF THEE"
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)
*GLORIA PATRI
CALL TO PRAYER
PASTOR: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.
PEOPLE: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.
PASTOR: LET US PRAY.
PRAYER AND PRAYER RESPONSE
OFFERING
OFFERTORY: "WE PRAY NOW TO THE HOLY GHOST" BUXTEHUEDE
BICENTENNIAL ANTHEM: "THIS IS MY COUNTRY" A FRED
WARING ARRANGEMENT - SOLO - VON MALONEY
SERMON: "C.I.A."
FAVOR AND LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 442 "NOT ALONE FOR MIGHTY EMPIRE"
*BENEDICTION AND THREE FOLD AMEN
ORGAN POSTLUDE: "HOLY GHOST WITH LIGHT DIVINE" NOEHREN

--- *CONGREGATION STANDING ---

THE LOVELY FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN PLACED BY
MRS. ELLEN BAUER IN MEMORY OF "LOVED ONES"
SERVING AS URSERS TODAY ARE: *MIKE NAZARUK, JAMES
MCCLYMONDS, GOTTLIEB KRADEL, CHARLES PENAR.
ELDER AND MRS. CHET STAUFFER WILL REPRESENT COUNCIL
AT THE DOOR TODAY.

NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED TODAY BY BRAD AND JUDY
VINROE AND PATTY BASEMORE.

THE ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY WAS 194.

HOSPITALIZED: KATHERINE FERREE - MERCY HOSPITAL
WOMEN'S LAKE ERIE ASSOCIATION MEETING - JUNE 5,
SATURDAY AT 10:00 AT ST. MARK'S UCC, NEW HAMBURG.
INFORMATION IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE NARTHEX.

TONIGHT - 7:00 - YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

WED. - 7:30 - COUNCIL MEETING

THURS. - THE NEWSLETTER WILL BE PUBLISHED - IF YOU
HAVE ANYTHING IN MIND FOR THE NEWS - HAVE IT AT THE
CHURCH BY WEDNESDAY.

NEXT SUNDAY WE WILL REVERT TO SUMMER SCHEDULE -
CHURCH SCHOOL AT 9:00 AND MORNING WORSHIP AT 10:00.

NEXT SUNDAY WILL BE HOLY COMMUNION IN THE Pews, AND
THE FOLLOWING MONDAY (JUNE 7) HOLY COMMUNION AT
7:30 FOR THOSE THAT CANNOT ATTEND ON SUNDAY (ALTAR)

PLEASE GET YOUR REGISTRATIONS IN FOR VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL. MATERIAL WILL HAVE TO BE ORDERED AND THE
TIME IS SHORT. VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 14-17,
21-24, FROM 9:00 TO 11:30 P.M.

FLOWER CHART - NEW FORMS WILL BE PASSED NEXT WEEK
FROM JULY THRU DEC. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF DEC. 26
AND THE DATES ALREADY FILLED IN IN THE NARTHEX -
NOW IS THE TIME TO MAKE YOUR SELECTION FOR SPECIAL
DATES IF YOU WANT ONE. FLOWERS ARE NOW \$8.00 EACH
SUNDAY.

IN A RECENT LETTER FROM THE OLD PEOPLE'S HOME -
401 S. MAIN ST. ZELLENOPLE, PA. - THEY HAVE ASKED
THAT WE PROMOTE AND ANNOUNCE THE PROGRAM OF VOLUNTEERS.
THE HOME NEEDS PERSONS TO SUPPLEMENT THE WORK OF THE
PROFESSIONAL STAFF. HELP IS NEEDED IN ALL AREAS OF
THE HOME RANGING FROM VISITING A LONELY RESIDENT TO
OFFERING AID IN VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS. SEE BU STIN

1000 VILLAGE/ SS. TEACHMAN ARIEF MEETING AFTER
CHURCH.

"J.I.I."

Text: 2 Ki 17:13, let the Lord testified against Israel, & against Judah, by all the prophets, and by all the seers, saying, Turn ye from your evil ways, & keep my commandments and my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, which I sent to you by my servants the prophets.

((Illus of secrets))

JIA means secretive stuff etc/examp Soviet & our Embassey official & radioactive by telephone

Will tak Scripture/title JIA & relate both 2 our time begin 6 vs= Hoshea last king Is,

7th = last yr reign taken captive

He 4th king by murd Pekah, & Pekah murd Pekalah Tiglath-pileser king Assy & Is pay tribute, at deth, Hoshea stop trib/Chalmaneser seiz Hoshea, besiege xx Samaria/tak 3 yr 2 capture, Chalman die, Sargon king & took 27,900 prisoners

read 18 vs, only Judah left

Exeget 7-12

vs 13

his story & nation parallel & I & need JIA America = conversion, peop no lik do things rite, but things wrong/civ chanc & chang live no want & refuse

check bib & find this tru sinc Bgin

As say you lik child & I convert=chang, turn round complet trust lik child, luv, obey, clear mind, no philos Mind that rite with G & this we need 2day

((Illus Patrick Henry & his will say))

without G I cannot be happy, I know this & we need knot Intercession, nation crthasic Bcz peop found were

not I like, my faith com from art away or intercess

& self-suffic & no need outside help

& this com 2 end & we know must hav help other peo

" need acknow hav need Higher help & this G

(Read text)=this wat we need 2 know 2day, b4 2 late

((Illus Landier & prayer))

I = Application, need apply cert princips in run natio

gov cert exp peop govt want believ can get long

with godless peop & it mak no diff they atheists

((Illus peaceful co-existence, bear & lamb))

Is Jews swallo by Assy so can we B

Ult aim Commies 2 overthrow us

((Illus winifred visit Lenin tomb))

can still B4 us & we need heed B4 2 late

we look 2 fash & solv all probs 4 us & put trust

in men Kpian how still

((Illus Henry Brady & home of country)) needed.

need JIA in AM. Convers, Intercess, Application

not also Christ in America

Scripture: 2 Kings 17:6-13

Text: verse 13, "XXXXX let the Lord testified against Israel, and against Judah, by all the prophets, and by all the seers, saying, Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments and my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets."

(Illustration of secrets)

When the name, or title, or initials "CIA" is mentioned today, it evokes different responses from different people. Mostly, people think of the ultra secret organization pledged to discover the secrets of the Soviet Union and China.

"CIA" ~~ix~~ has come to mean a hardnosed organization which will stop at nothing to discover what it wants to know. But partially in defense of the CIA I believe we should point out that it has a definite purpose and need in our foreign relations when we consider that just the other day a member of our embassy in Russia was discovered to have been exposed to radiation, and the source was the telephone he used in the Embassy in Moscow. Sort of sounds like our so called Russian friends use some very devious means to cause problems for us, doesn't it?

But I would like to take the title "CIA" along with our Scripture for this morning and relate them both to our nation today. As we begin reading the account in 2 Kings 17, at verse 6 that in the ninth year of the reign of Hoshea the king of Assyria took Samaria and carried Israel away captive. We need to go back into history a short span of time to understand what had taken place. Hoshea had become king of Israel and incidentally was the last king of Israel. But he became king through a conspiracy whereby he murdered Pekah the king. Actually Pekah was sort of being paid back for his treachery, for he ascended the throne by murdering his predecessor Pekaliah. But Hoshea became king ~~and~~ during ~~at~~ the time Tiglath-pileser the king of Assyria. Tiglath-pileser stated that he had made Hoshea king, which was partially true for without the support of the Assyrian king he would not have survived too long. The people of the Northern kingdom had to pay vast tribute to Assyria, and after a while this burden became too great, and Hoshea led a revolt against this paying of tribute. This probably occurred at the time of the death of Tiglath-pileser, when the reigns of government were changing hands. Shalmaneser became the new king, and

Loshea again began to pay tribute to Assyria. But Shalmaneser found something he did not like about Loshia and took him prisoner and besieged Samaria. It took Assyria 3 years to defeat Israel, and Shalmaneser had died in the meantime and was replaced by Sargon II. Sargon states that he took 27,900 prisoners, and so the kingdom of Israel fell and we read in the 13th verse that only Judah was left. This was the Southern Kingdom,

but when we read the verses in between we begin to see that there were many things which brought all of this about. In verses 7 through 12 we read of their apostasy and turning from the things of God. (Explain these verses). But the Lord spoke to them about this through his prophets, (Text, read this). In verses 14 to 17 we see more of what they did, (explain these verses).

Then in verse 18 we see the final result of their disobedience.

At this point we need to say that we can see that our nation parallels these examples very closely. It is at this point that I believe we have a definite need of C in America. Breaking each letter down to stand for something as all initials do in abbreviations, we can start with the letter C and say this letter should stand for Conversion. Conversion is a word that many people do not like to hear, because it means they should do something, and people do not like to do things that are good for them. People will jump at the chance to do all sorts of things that are wrong for them, but give them something to choose that will change their entire lives, and be the best thing they could ever do, and they will refuse it. This is rather strange when we think of it, but if you read your Bible with any regularity, you will soon discover that this is what man has done since time immemorial. Jesus said unless you become like a little child and become converted, meaning changed, or turned around, you will not see the kingdom of heaven. He was saying that it takes the attitude of a child to really understand this. It takes the complete trusting, the complete confidence that a dutiful child will render to its parent. It takes the uncluttered mind of a child. A mind that is not filled with all of the philosophies, and isms of the world. A mind that is concerned only with being right with God. This is what we need today. The "C" of Conversion. (Illustration of what

Patrick Henry concluded his will with.)

Without Christ, you cannot be happy. I believe this is what we need to know and to share with America in this our 200th year.

The second letter is the letter "I" and this should stand for Intercession.

Our nation has achieved its greatness and world stature basically because our founding fathers were men of great faith in God. And great faith in God only comes from great praying or intercession. But gradually we have become a nation of self-sufficient people. We ~~do not~~ ^{have no} need of anything or anyone beyond ourselves. But our self-sufficiency is fast coming to an end. We are beginning to realize that we do and upon many people in many parts of the world for our daily existence. We can no longer isolate ourselves from the world and remain the selfish Americans we have been. But along with this new knowledge that we are not completely self-sufficient, we need to acknowledge that we have a need for help, which can only come from a higher source. This of course is God, and we need to get back to the praying nation we once were at our founding.

God said to the Jewish people, "Turn from your evil ways, and keep my commandments and my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets." We could very well be saying exactly the same thing to us in our nation today. God commanded our fathers to found our nation on Biblical principles, and we have been blessed with wealth and prosperity beyond measure. This meant that we were once a people who spent time in earnest prayer.

(Illustration of Lanthier and prayer)

This is what we need to do today. We need to learn how to pray again, and how to place things in the hands of God, and let Him take care of our destinies.

The 3rd letter is "A" and it should stand for Application. We need to apply certain principles in the running of our nation. We have a certain group of people in our governments who believe that we can get along with godless people and it makes no difference that they do not believe in a power higher than themselves.

(Illustration of Peaceful Co-existence, bear and lamb)

We need to understand that just like the Jewish people of old who were swallowed up by the Assyrians, we too can and will be swallowed up by the Russians and the Chinese by letting them lull us into a sense of false security. The ultimate aim of Communism is to overthrow Democracy and this is still their goal. I was reading with interest a short time ago of the visit a minister made to Moscow. He told of how he went to the Kremlin and stood in line to go through the tomb of Lenin. He explained about Lenin's life and how he was obsessed with the idea of the world being ruled by the working man. He explained how Lenin was embalmed when he died, and was re-embalmed 3 years ago and placed back in the coffin with a glass lid, for all the world to see. I thought of how he believed he was some sort of saviour, but thank God he is just as dead as any other self-styled God. God has a way of stepping in and circumventing the schemes and ambitions of men.

But the warning is still there that man must turn from their evil ways and live as we would have them to live. We seem to be following a course that many other nations have followed which led to their eventual downfall and disappearance from world leadership, and that is the placing of all of our trust and reliance in leaders. We look to Washington to solve all of ~~xxxx~~ our ills and the right man in the right place will take care of us with money, and food stamps and all of the other good things of life.

(Illustration of Henry Grady)

The American home is still the place where the America dream begins, and comes true. It is still that godly father and mother, rearing God fearing, Christ loving children that is going to turn the tide of the times.

I submit to you that we need the "C.I.I." in America, but that it be, "Conversion, Intercession, and Application." This is better than any other organization which can be used for spying or subversion in other nations, because this is ~~f x~~ based upon God and what He would have us do. But I submit to you this morning that "C.I.I." could and should stand for "CHRIST IN THE HOME." Christ, in the lives of every person. Christ in the hearts of all Americans. And Christ accepted as our only saviour. The saviour that all government leaders from the

President on down. Christ, your Saviour and mine.

Let us all to hear as a nation and a people the words of the Lord: "Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments and my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets."

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA
PENTECOST (WHITSUNDAY) JUNE 6, 1976
THE REV. RALPH C. LINK, PASTOR
MRS. KAY MORRIS, ORGANIST
MR. RALPH COOPER, CHOIR DIRECTOR
ELLEN MASTER, BRIAN KENNEDY - ACOLYTES

ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION 10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE "A Song of Hope" MUELLER
*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 184 "ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS!"
*ASCRIPTION - CHORAL AMEN NAME"
*ALTERNATE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION PAGE 32
SCRIPTURE ACTS 4: 23-37
HYMN No. 188 "HOLY SPIRIT, TRUTH DIVINE"
*APOSTLES CREED
*GLORIA PATRI
ANNOUNCEMENTS
OFFERING
OFFERTORY "OFFERTORY ON MERCY" GOTTSCHALK
SAXOPHONE SOLO "IN THE GARDEN" ROL THOMPSON
SERMON "THE MODEL"
SERMON PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER
COMMUNION HYMN No. 341 "HERE, O MY LORD, I SEE THEE
FACE TO FACE"

*PAGE 33 ALTERNATE ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION
THE COMMUNION: (ALL RETAIN ELEMENTS UNTIL ALL ARE SERVED)

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING 191 "BREATHE ON ME, BREATH
OF GOD"

*BENEDICTION

*THREEFOLD AMEN

*POSTLUDE "AGINCOURT HYMN" WILLAN

----- *CONGREGATION STANDING -----

THE ELDER'S AND DEACONS WILL SERVE COMMUNION TODAY --

THEY INCLUDE: WALTER HARMON, CHET STAUFFER, CHARLES

PENAR, BILL PFLUGH AND NORMA KNAUER.

ELDER AND MRS. PAUL RIEMER WILL REPRESENT COUNCIL AT

THE DOOR TODAY.

WE INVITE ALL CHRISTIANS REGARDLESS OF DENOMINATION

TO PARTAKE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER WITH US.

PLEASE FILL OUT A COMMUNION CARD SO THAT OUR CHURCH'S

RECORDS ARE ACCURATE. YOU WILL FIND THEM IN THE
RECEPTACLE ON THE BACK OF THE Pews.

IF VISITORS WILL PUT EITHER THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF
THEIR CHURCH OR THEIR PASTOR'S NAME AND ADDRESS ON
THE BACK OF THE COMMUNION CARD, IT WILL BE FORWARDED.

HOSPITALIZED: MRS. BERT KANFER (ICU),

MR. GALE LEIGHTON. -- HOFF

NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED TODAY BY: JEAN FENCIL,

DR. RENDEL AND PATTY McWILLIAMS.

THE ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY WAS 173.

TONIGHT - 7:00 - BUILDING PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING.

MONDAY - 7:30 - HOLY COMMUNION (ALTAR) FOR THOSE THAT

CANNOT BE HERE TODAY.

MONDAY - 7:30 - FINAL MEETING OF WOMEN'S MARY PRUGH

CIRCLE.

DON'T FORGET TO RESERVE JUNE 27 - CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC

AT THE MILLER SHELTER - BUTLER MEMORIAL PARK.

THINGS WILL BEGIN AT 2:00, SUPPER AT 5:30 - SOMETHING

GOING ON UNTIL DARK. (READ YOUR NEWSLETTER)

KAY MORRIS WOULD LIKE TO PLAY YOUR FAVORITE HYMN

SOMETIME WHEN SHE CAN - DROP A NOTE IN THE OFFERING

PLATE, OR DROP IT OFF AT THE OFFICE AND IT WILL BE

GIVEN TO HER, OR YOU MAY GIVE IT TO HER YOURSELF.

THE FLOWER CHART IS BEING PASSED TODAY - FLOWER PER

SUNDAY IS STILL \$8.00.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WILL BE COMING UP REAL SOON NOW -

IS YOUR CHILD REGISTERED. THE INFORMATION IS NEEDED

SO MATERIAL AND SUPPLIES CAN BE PURCHASED.

IT WILL RUN FROM JUNE 14 THRU 18 AND FROM 21 THRU 25,

FROM 9:00 UNTIL 1:30 P.M.

IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL,

COMMUNITY COLLEGE, TRADE SCHOOL OR COLLEGE PLEASE

LEAVE US KNOW BEFORE NEXT WEEK.

THE CONFIRMATION PICTURES ARE IN - PLEASE PICK YOURS

UP TODAY IF YOU POSSIBLY CAN.

WHEN THE PRELUDE MUSIC BEGINS, WE SHOULD BEGIN TO

MEDITATE AND COMMUNE WITH GOD THROUGH THE MUSIC, AND

THROUGH THE THOUGHTS THE MUSIC EVOKES IN OUR HEARTS.

IN THE CHURCH SERVICE IT IS THE BEGINNING OF THE

WORSHIP AND A TIME TO PREPARE US FOR WORSHIP.

THURSDAY - 7:00 - YOUTH GROUP MEETING AT THE CHURCH.

HOLY COMMUNION JUNE 7, 1976
THE REV. RALPH C. LINK, PASTOR
MRS. KAY MORRIS, ORGANIST
MR. RALPH COOPER, CHOIR DIRECTOR

*HYMN NO. 188 "HOLY SPIRIT, TRUTH DIVINE"
 *ASCRPTION
 *INVOCATIONAL PRAYER
 SCRIPTURE 1 CORN. 11:20-29
 *COMMUNION HYMN NO. 341 "HERE, O MY LORD, I BEE
 OFFERING THREE FACE TO FACE"
 *ALTERNATE ORDER OF COMMUNION PAGE 32
 THE COMMUNION
 *PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
 *HYMN OF THANKSGIVING NO. 191 "BREATHE ON ME, BREATH
 OF GOD"
 *BENEDICTION
 *THREEFOLD AMEN
 *POSTLUDE
 - - - - - *CONGREGATIONS STANDING - - - - -
 ELDERS AND DEACONS SERVING COMMUNION THIS EVENING
 ARE: ROLAND THOMPSON, HOWARD BOLAM, ANN WILLIAMS
 AND JOHN REOMAN.

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"The Model"

Scripture: Acts 4:33-37
Text: Acts 4:31-34

And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were ~~fixed~~ all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness. And the multitude of those that believed were of one heart and one soul; neither said any of them that any of the things ~~which he possessed~~ which he possessed was his own; but they had all things in common.

Models ~~such as this~~ such as this (airplane, boat, car, or whatever), serve to let us see what the real thing looks like. There are many models which we have in life. One such model is the idea of marriage and what a model wife or husband should be like. That reminds me of the story of a man who after he was married, made the statement to his wife, "Now that we are married dear, perhaps I'll be permitted to point out a few of your faults." The wife replied, "That won't be necessary. I know them all too well. They kept me from getting a better man than you." Well needless to say, there is much to be said for ~~the~~ what we think the model should be, and sometimes what it actually is.

Now when it comes to the Church of Jesus Christ, there is no problem with what the model is or what it should be. The model is pointed out in God's Word and we only need to search the Scriptures to find it. Our scripture for this morning contained the information regarding the Model Church.

Peter and John had been arrested by the same rulers, the Sanhedrin, who had sought and gotten the crucifixion of Jesus. They were alarmed that these two fanatics were going to cause the same problems this Jesus of Nazareth had caused. So the natural thing was to get them out of circulation for a while. It is interesting to note that this is the same Peter who a short time ago had completely denied Jesus, and had taken the coward's way out of the situation. But now we are told in verse 23 of this chapter that it was the boldness of Peter and John that caught the attention of the authorities. After spending a night in prison they were released and they came to the other disciples and told them of the things that had happened to them. After relating their story the company of them united in prayer. They acknowledged in their prayer the power and sovereignty of God, and then they asked that even though they were being threatened, that they could have the boldness to stand for Christ.

and we read that their prayers were answered, for the place was shaken where they were assembled. Here it is at this ~~XX~~ first verse that the model for the church is to be found. It reads, "And when they had prayed." In other words the Church should always be a praying community. Someone asked me just recently if we had a prayer meeting in our Church. I answered no, but I want to get one started sometime in the near future. Prayer meetings are a thing of the past we are told. But are they really? Isn't it more of a fact that we have gotten lazy in our ~~churches~~ congregations and cannot be bothered with something like this? Isn't it more of a fact that our outside activities have taken precedence over our spiritual lives? Isn't it more of a fact that we are not people of earnest prayer and this becomes evident in a group where we may be asked to pray? Isn't it more of a fact that we are embarrassed by prayer and our lack of understanding how and when to pray? I believe that we have merely turned the prayer department over to the clergy, because once again they are getting paid for it, and as such are my spokesmen to God. It is easier this way, and I can do what I want without feeling a sense of responsibility in this department. But there isn't a person who ~~exists~~ answers to the name of Christian, who wouldn't be able to pray in a public prayer meeting. There isn't a one of us here this morning who should ever be embarrassed by prayer. It is prayer that is the backbone of our lives. Or it should be. How else can we communicate with our Father and expect to receive the things we need? We cannot receive unless we ask...

export to receive the things we need? We cannot receive unless we ask. The British Columbia thatt too often he treated God like a missionary to ~~himself~~ tells ~~six hundred~~ like a penny-pinching miser. He said if I ask God for peanuts, I get peanuts; but ~~when I treat Him like the great God that He is, He acts like the King of Kings.~~ when I treat Him like the great God that He is, He acts like the King of Kings. ~~ask for peanuts and ask for Him.~~ and ask for Him. I heard a hymn tells us, "large petitions with thee bring, thou art coming to a king." ask for a king, it is then that we receive what we are willing to give.

The next thing we read is that the place was shaken. There are some who interpret this as being an earthquake. Perhaps it was, or maybe it wasn't. But one thing is certain, and that ~~is~~ is, there was a visible change which came upon them. If it wasn't an earthquake all around that area, it was a shaking of the place they were in. It was again at this point that they were visibly motivated by the Holy Spirit and once again they had the boldness to speak the Gospel.

of Jesus Christ. This is what the Church universal needs today, and this is what each congregation needs. To be shaken visibly by the truth of God's Word. To be convinced down to the last person within that congregation that God is sovereign and that we should stop treating Him like He was a little old man who is senile and needs to be pampered and appeased by our wishy-washy faith we show to Him. Each congregation needs to seek the filling of the Holy Spirit not in some wild and weird manner, but that we are able to step forth into our towns and communities and speak to those who are unchristian and unchurched, and not be ashamed to do it. To have the boldness that can only come from the Holy Spirit within us, which God supplies for our needs.

This is the comparison to the early Church and the Church of today. Ask in ^{personally} many of our congregations how many people within that congregation have led another person to the Lord, and you will receive blank stares, and perhaps even hostility, because you are asking something only those fanatical churches do. If you look at those churches others joke that at and you will see they are the ones who are growing, and the staid, and pride and proper, and dignified, and formalized, and pietized churches are losing members and can't figure it out. It is the job of every person within a congregation who ~~xxxxx~~ call themselves Christians to lead others to that Christ. This is how the early Church grew until it enveloped almost all of Jerusalem and the Jewish authorities made the statement that these men had turned the world upside down.

In the 32nd verse we read that "The multitude of them were of one heart and one soul." This means they were united. They were not split down the middle and each one clinging to a little faction here, or a little faction there. But instead, they believed alike, they felt alike, and they all did the same things. This is what any congregation needs, and needs it badly. No congregation that is going to grow and develop and expand can afford to be split into little factions or groups. You cannot have a little group of people who will follow the pastor, and a little group of people who will try to circumvent anything he does and expect to have unity. It must be a divided effort by all or it will fail. Jesus said a house divided against itself cannot stand. This applies in church, in government, in the home and everywhere else.

There must be unity or there is chaos. Everyone must pull together, or the congregation is going to fall. It is when there is disunity and disharmony within a congregation that satan is able to do his worst work. He works the hardest where he has a foothold. And he has a foothold where people are unwilling to accept and do what God commands and demands we do. It is satan who works through us to put the monkey wrenches into plans that need to be made, and advances that need to be taken. It is satan who motivates us to stop progress and to stand still. No congregation can afford to let satan rule its members and all members need to turn to God and ask him to help us to overcome the wiles of the devil.

When we read in the 3rd verse, "Neither said any of them that any of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things in common." They acknowledged that all that they ~~possessed~~ had belonged to God. There isn't one thing that we actually own in this life. We may say this is my house, or my car, but have ~~you~~ you ever seen anyone being taken to the cemetery with his house or his car going with him? Have you ever seen a Brinks truck following a wealthy man being buried? There is not one thing on this earth that we will take out of it when we die. Yet we all live like these things must be kept and hang on to. Ask people to contribute more to the work of the Lord and you will find out how much belongs to God and how much belongs to us. People are good stewards of keeping what belongs to God and using it only for themselves. We need to take some lessons from the model of the early Church and follow their leading in this. "They had all things in common," meant that they shared together what they had. This doesn't mean that we should go home and start taking furniture over to our neighbors and using theirs. It means that they were stewards of all that God had given to them. They were willing to pool their resources and to use all that they had to the glory of God.

The model of the New Testament Church was not given by God as a supreme example which would be completely unattainable in the succeeding years, but as an example for the future church to copy and expand upon.

(Illustration of 1st time fire in the church)

This is what we need in every congregation. I do not mean an actual fire, but the fire of enthusiasm. The fire that comes from coals who have been filled by the Holy Spirit of God, and have caught fire in their lives. This is what happened at Pentecost, and this is what needs to happen to the Church today.

"The Model" is still operative today for any congregation that wants to have it. Let us today begin toward ~~xxxx~~ making this Church that model. Let's pray that this place and us are shaken, let us stand forth with a boldness to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ here, and in the community. Let us be of one heart and one mind, united in the common cause of moving the Church of Jesus Christ ahead by growth and love for each other. Let us know and believe that all we are, and all we have belongs to God that we do not cheat Him out of what belongs to Him. Let us share together the things of the Spirit and enjoy in love as His children.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA

LAYMAN'S SUNDAY JUNE 13, 1976

THE REV. RALPH C. LINK, PASTOR
MR. WILLIAM OHL, YOUTH DIRECTOR - GUEST SPEAKER
MRS. KAY MORRIS, ORGANIST
MR. RALPH COOPER, CHOIR DIRECTOR
ELLEN MASTER, BRIAN KENNEDY - ACOLYTES

ORDER OF WORSHIP - 10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE: "RHOSYMEDE" R. VAUGHAN-WILLIAMS
PLEASE REMAIN SILENT WHEN THE PRELUDE BEGINS

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 43 "WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES"

*SCRIPTION - CHORAL AMEN

*EXHORTATION

*CONFESSION (IN UNISON) "O GOD, WHO HAST TAUGHT US THAT
WE ARE MEMBERS ONE OF ANOTHER, AND HAST ORDAINED OUR
BROTHERHOOD IN THE BOND OF THY SPIRIT; REMOVE, WE BESEECH
THEE, FROM AMONG US ALL DISTURBS AND BITTERNESS IN
INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES, AND ALL OCCASION OF DISCONTENT; THAT
SEEKING WHAT IS JUST AND EQUAL, AND CARING FOR THE NEEDS
OF OTHERS, WE MAY LIVE AND WORK TOGETHER IN BROTHERLY
CONCORD AND LOVE; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN."

*KYRIE (CHOIR, CONGREGATION AND PASTOR)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON - CHORAL AMEN

*PRAISE

LAYMAN: O LORD OPEN OUR LIPS.

PEOPLE: AND OUR MOUTH SHALL SHOW FORTH THY PRAISE

*DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 8: 31-51

HYMN No. 389 "RISE UP, O MEN OF GOD!"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)

*GLORIA PATRI

CALL TO PRAYER

LAYMAN: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

PEOPLE: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.

LAYMAN: LET US PRAY.

PRAYER AND PRAYER RESPONSE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "PSALM"

YOUNG

TUET: "PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND"
SUNG BY DUTCH AND HOWDY BOLAM

DORSEY

SERMON: "BIG D"

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 207 "JESUS CALLS US: OVER THE

*BENEDICTION AND THREE FOLD AMEN TUMULT"

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "REJOICE, YE PURE IN HEART" WILLAN

----- *CONGREGATION STANDING -----

THE LOVELY FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN PLACED BY

CLARA AND FLORENCE SHAKELY IN MEMORY OF "LOVED ONES"

SERVING AS URSERS TODAY ARE: *WALLY FEDER, JOHN SNOW,

MONT MACKINNEY, HERB SHEARER AND STEVE VARGO

PRES. AND MRS. PAUL PFABE WILL REPRESENT COUNCIL AT THE
DOOR THIS MORNING.

WE WISH TO CONGRATULATE THOSE WHO ARE GRADUATING AND
GIVE YOU OUR BEST WISHES FOR THE FUTURE.

COLLEGE: STEVE BARTON, INDIANA UNIV. OF PA.; SANDRA
COTTAGE - SLIPPERY ROCK STATE (JAN. 1976); GAYLE HERRIT -
DUQUESNE UNIV.; THOMAS RIEMER - UNIV. OF CINN. OHIO,
PAMELA TAIT - SLIPPERY ROCK STATE COLLEGE.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE - DEBORAH MELTON.

HIGH SCHOOL: SUE HOLLEFREUND, LLOYD LINK (KNOCH HIGH),
DEBBIE MCBRIDE, LINDA PFABE, MARLENE RIEMER,
BILL THOMPSON.

NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED TODAY BY: JUDY SNYDER,
ISABEL HOCKENBERRY AND MARY DELLEN.

THE ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY WAS 253.

HOSPITALIZED: EARL WOGAN (MAXI CARE), MRS. BERT KNAUER,
TONIGHT - 7:30 - A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BUDGET AND
FINANCE COMMITTEE.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL STARTS TOMORROW AT 9:00 A.M.

COOKIES ARE NEEDED FOR V.B.S. AND THIS IS TO REMIND
THOSE WHO SIGNED UP TO BRING THEM.

MRS. HUGHES (NELLIE) IS LIVING TEMPORARILY AT 313 E.
PEARL ST. THIS IS THE APARTMENT OF MRS. PEARL PALMER,
(2ND FLOOR). MRS. HUGHES WOULD LIKE SOME VISITORS
FROM TIME TO TIME.

WE WISH TO THANK ELDER CHET STAUFFER AND DEACONESS
MRS. NORMA KNAUER FOR ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY.
OUR THANKS TO WILLIAM OHL FOR BRINGING THE MESSAGE TODAY
IN THE ABSENCE OF OUR MINISTER.

REV. AND MRS. LINK, MRS. ANN WILLIAMS AND MRS. ALMA
KILLEAN (DELEGATES) WILL BE HOME THIS EVENING AFTER
A WEEKEND AT DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY FOR THE P.W. CONF.

THE FLOWER CHART WILL BE CIRCULATED AGAIN TODAY

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JUNE 20, 1976
THE REV. RALPH C. LINK, PASTOR
MRS. KAY MORRIS, ORGANIST - MRS. KITTY FEDER, SUB-ORGANIST
MR. RALPH COOPER, CHOIR DIRECTOR
SHELLY HOCKENBERRY, RANDY DELLEN - ACOULYTES

ORDER OF WORSHIP - 10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE: "ARISE" HANDELL
PLEASE BE SILENT WHEN THE PRELUDE MUSIC BEGINS
*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 69 "GOD OF THE GLORIOUS SUNSHINE"
*ASCRPTION
*EXHORTATION
*CONFESSION (IN UNISON) "O GOD, WHO MAKEST THYSELF KNOWN
IN THE STILLNESS; LET US FEEL THY PRESENCE IN THIS SACRED
PLACE; MAKE US TO BE OF THE COMPANY OF BRAVE SAINTS WHO
HAVE WORSHIPPED HERE IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH; THROUGH THE
VOICES OF MEN AND THE INSTRUMENTS OF PRAISE GIVE US TO
LIFT OUR HEART TO THEE; AND SO, O LORD, PURIFY OUR LIVES
THAT, GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD, WE MAY GO IN THY
STRENGTH AND IN THY LOVE; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD,
AMEN."
*KYRIE (CHOIR, CONGREGATION AND PASTOR)
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON - CHORAL AMEN
*PRAISE
*PASTOR: O LORD OPEN OUR LIPS.
*PEOPLE: AND OUR MOUTH SHALL SHOW FORTH THY PRAISE
*DOXOLOGY
SCRIPTURE: I SAMUEL 3:
HYMN No. 273 "JESUS, THY BOUNDLESS LOVE TO ME"
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)
*GLORIA PATRI
CALL TO PRAYER
*PASTOR: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.
*PEOPLE: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.
*PASTOR: LET US PRAY.
PRAYER AND PRAYER RESPONSE
OFFERTORY: "BERCEUSE" A. ILJENSKY
TRIO: "LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH" -
NORABEL COOPER, DORIS ANGELONI, CYNDIE SYBERT

SERMON: "HOW TO GET FLEAS"
PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER
*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 271 "O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED"
*BENEDICTION AND THREE FOLD AMEN
*ORGAN POSTLUDE:

----- *CONGREGATION STANDING -----
THE LOVELY FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN PLACED BY
MR. & MRS. CHARLES PENAR IN MEMORY OF PAM PFLUGH.
SERVING AS USHERS TODAY ARE: BOB DELLEN, CHRIS PFABE,
BRIAN PFABE, AND STEVE BASEHORE.
ELDER AND MRS. ROLAND THOMPSON WILL REPRESENT COUNCIL
AT THE DOOR TODAY.
NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED TODAY BY: MARTHA DEREWICKI,
DORIS ZAVACKY, AND NANCY LINK.
ALL OF THE LOOSE OFFERING TODAY WILL GO TO "MEALS ON
WHEELS"
A COOKIE SHEET IS BEING PASSED THIS MORNING - SO THAT
THE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL HAVE A TREAT
THIS COMING WEEK. IF THERE ARE ANY OVER THEY WILL BE
TAKEN TO THE PICNIC. - *Don't forget to bring a cookie!*
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - MON. THRU THURS. 9-11:30.
WE WISH TO EXTEND OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. & MRS.
EDGAR HAMPTON, 100 PATTERSON AVE. ON THEIR 50TH
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY - WED. JUNE 23. *Mr. Stephen Patterson*
HOSPITALIZED: MR. EARL MOGAN, MRS. BERT KNAUER, *Mr. Earl Mogan*
CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC: WILL BE HELD NEXT SUNDAY - 27TH
AT THE MILLER SHELTER IN BUTLER MEMORIAL PARK. THINGS
WILL BEGIN AT 2:00 AND CONTINUE ON UNTIL DARK.
SUPPER WILL BE AT 5:30 P.M. SWIMMING, CONTESTS,
GAMES, ETC. WILL BE ON THE AGENDA. BRING A WELL FILLED
PICNIC BASKET AND JOIN IN THE FELLOWSHIP AND FUN.
BEVERAGE AND DESSERT WILL BE PROVIDED.
THE ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY WAS 163.
ELDER CHESTER STAUFFER WILL BE INSTALLED TODAY AND
ELDER PAUL RIEMER WILL BE ORDAINED, TO FILL THE UN-
EXPIRED TERMS OF ELDERS.
BUTLER CO. HAS RECEIVED FEDERAL FUNDS TO PROVIDE FREE
WINTERIZATION TO HOMEOWNERS OVER 60 YRS. OF AGE. THE
PEOPLE SHOULD OWN THEIR OWN HOME AND RESIDE THERE.
A PERSON LIVING ALONG SHOULD HAVE AN INCOME UNDER
\$3,500. AN ELDERLY COUPLE COULD HAVE AN INCOME MAXIMUM
OF \$4,625. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL 282-7180 WITH
QUESTIONS THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE.

TRINITY CHARGE--THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Ralph C. Link, Pastor
 Trinity Church, New Bloomfield 9:00 A.M.
 Christ Church, Duncannon 10:30 A.M.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP May 20, 1973

The Organ Prelude
 *The Hymn of Praise 69
 *The Call to Worship
 *The Prayer of Confession (Unison)
 Almighty God, Spirit of purity and grace,
 whose dwelling is with the humble and con-
 trite heart, hear thy children's confession
 of sin and grant us thy mercy. For all
 that has been evil in our lives, for unholy
 thoughts and impure motives, for any scorn
 of goodness, trifling with truth, and in-
 difference to beauty, for all our wanderings
 from the better way; in the name of Christ
 our Lord. Amen.
 *The Kyrie
 *The Assurance of Pardon
 The Scripture --- John 15:18-27
 *The Gloria Patri
 The Anthem (Trinity)
 The Pastoral Prayer
 The Choral Response (Trinity)
 The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings
 *The Doxology
 *The Offering Prayer and Lord's Prayer
 Reception of New Members (Trinity)
 The Hymn of Meditation 273
 The Sermon --- "Guilty By Association!"
 The Sermon Prayer
 *The Hymn of Response 271
 *The Benediction
 *The Threefold Amen
 *The Postlude

*Congregation Stands

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Crusade for Christ in the Duncannon area
 will begin this evening at 7:30 PM in our
 church and continue each evening through
 Thursday May 24th. There will be a different
 speaker each evening as well as special music
 and singing groups. Tonight is Youth Night.
 Let us support these services with our presence
 and our prayers. This is an event for the
 Trinity Charge.

TRINITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

MADGE GO. O. ON CAR WASH
 We cordially welcome as new members this
 morning Mr. & Mrs. Robert Shearer, Vance
 Shearer and Lou Ann Shearer.

There will be a family congregational dinner
 on Sunday June 10th at 6:30 PM.

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 NEW CHAIRS. ALSO PICK UP NEW
 CONFERENCE CHAIRS
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his fault, he led me into it etc.

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"How to Kill Jesus"

Matthew: 1, Chapter 31

Matthew: 1, Chapter 31:2,

and he said to him, 'Thou shalt not kill; but thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself: this is love, that he that loveth his neighbor, himself loveth.'"

(Allusion to the story of the Good Samaritan)

There have been many illustrations such as this, showing that we can be influenced by things or people around us. Have you ever wondered how many people have died because of the influence of others? How many men and women do you suppose have been executed simply because they were an accessory to the man or woman who committed the crime? This is what is known as guilt by association. Jesus told his disciples this would happen to them because they were associated with him. He spoke of them being persecuted for his name. And it wasn't too long after his death, resurrection, and ascension, that those who called themselves his disciples were being persecuted for their faith. We all know the ferocity of the Jewish priests and Pharisees, and the lengths they went to to accomplish their ends. It was simply another case of being guilty by association.

The end result of guilt by association is that a change takes place in the individual. The change can take several forms. It can have an adverse or beneficial effect on an individual's life because of this association. A good case in point is the scripture we read this morning. Turn to this chapter 31 in 1 Samuel.

We read that the army of Israel fled before the Philistines, they were routed in the field and ran for their very lives. Many of them were slain on Mt. Gilboa. The Philistines overtook Saul's sons, Jonathan, Abinadab, and Melchishun, and killed them.

It was then that the archers caught sight of Saul, since he was a prominent figure standing head and shoulders above most other men. So they pursued him and he was hit by their arrows, mortally wounding him. But Saul in his fear that he would be taken back to Philistia and tormented and tortured like Samson requests that his armor bearer put him out of his misery and kill him. But the armor bearer out of reverence for the king, and his fear of striking the man anointed of God, refused to do so. So Saul took his own sword and

and his own life. The armor bearer being left alone, and perhaps also fearing the wrath of the Philistines follows suit and commits suicide. (Please read a-
bout the armor bearer about because we are going to continue this in our message next week). And so we see the end of the dynasty of Saul. What once started with a bloody reign turned into a lonely defeat. But the real climax of the story is to be found in the 34th verse of the 31st chapter. It is here that we see the sad ending of this tale. (Read text).

For Saul was the king of Israel who turned against God and man, but his 31st descendant was not his own brother as well. Saul who had banished his king from his throne. But wherever had been the character of anyone else, surely Jonathan was not deserving of the fate which befell him. He was a good son, a loyal son, and a faithful man. But because of the evil of his father he fell victim to an undeserved fate.

If this tale proves nothing else, it proves that when a man sins he not only sins himself, but he brings harm to others as well. I can now say, "No what if I do this or that sin, I am only harming myself and no one else." But is that? Does he not perhaps harm his loved ones? His wife? Or his friends? Saul's name had he suffered because of his evil sister sinful life. He had the horrible experience of seeing his own fall one by one in battle. But he would not leave the ordering of his life to God. Nor did he at the point of death turn back to God. He was a self-willed man, and he sought his own way. This caused others to suffer guilt by association.

Someone once ~~xxx~~ made the statement, "that if you lie down with dogs, you will get up with fleas." So if you want to know how to get fleas, try lying down with dogs. This is what took place in the events surrounding the life of Saul.

My ~~xxxxxx~~ do we not all have fleas? Are we not all descended from the people of man's first creation? Are we not heirs of the same self-willed sin that took place in their lives? And are we not all guilty by association, thus having fleas of our own?

Jonathan in speaking of this issue said, "I am repentant of his wickedness saying, 'What have I done?'" It is always the other fellow and not me. It made me do it.

I could not have done it without his telling me to do it. So we put the case in our wonder why an Eternal God, "Who is the people not repeats of their ~~sinners~~ misdeeds?" Why do they not say, "Inhumanity what have I done?" and remain in the land."

Even with the Good News of Christianity it doesn't seem to make any difference. The English theologian John Hinkleyham compared the Good News to an emperor who wanted to do something for one of his people.

(Illustration of emperor, son, and offer of marriage to daughter.)

So we too may be reluctant to receive what God has to offer. We would perhaps much prefer for God to bless us as we are, rather than get too involved with God "himself. The Good News can be frightening if we get involved, much like the offer of the emperor to the peasant. It may obligate us to the giver and then we would be required to be beholden. To become the son-in-law of the ~~xxx~~ emperor and sit at his table the son would have to lose his independence. He would have to act like a member of the emperor's family. The offer creates demands and because it creates demands it is so often refused. But God only asks that we try to act like his sons. We know we cannot do it perfectly. He gives us the offer of grace through Jesus Christ, and all we need to do is accept it, and try to be a member of the family with all of our brothers and sisters.

Our being guided by conscience can also have a more positive effect to it. It can create in the lives of those around us a good effect. But it requires that we have the courage to be different. I say courage, because the world hates and dislikes those who are different. A classic example is Socrates of Athens. He was called Socrates the Fool and yet he was banished from Athens. When one of the citizens was asked why he voted to have him banished he replied, "Because I am tired of hearing him always called the Fool." Likewise "Occident was killed. He was called the man of the East and he was always counselling men to 'find' and 'save' themselves. And now hated that, and hated him, and so they killed him. It is always dangerous to have a higher standard than the people around us. The world loves conformity, and conformity means acceptance of what is taken to be the standard of behaviour. Anyone who does not conform to the world

is classified and labeled, and pigeon holed. Anyone who doesn't conform is also a trouble maker.

Jesus met this, and said to him. Why he told his disciples they would be persecuted and killed. This is the challenge that should fill us and thrill us even today. We can know what it is to be guilty by association and in so knowing How To Get Fleas, but we can have this as a positive side of our lives.

First we must realize that Getting Fleas, in the terms of the world, makes us sinners. Then we have admitted this, then we are ready for the forgiveness that is ours through Jesus Christ. This is the meaning of the Good News and this is what can change our lives so dramatically.

There are many examples of great men who have dared to be different and we always hear of them. Men like Luther, Lowitzer, Kierkegaard and others. But have you ever heard of a man named Gibbs?

(It's variation of Gibbs)

Wouldn't it be wonderful if you or I could be changed simply because we knew how to get Fleas, and we understood that this was by being ~~associated~~ guilty by association. ~~impossible~~ We can be, and that change can take place in our lives by the guilt of associating with the Son of God, Jesus Christ. Why He indeed teach us how to get Fleas, by association with the dogs of the world, but really teach us the lesson of ~~the joy of association~~ the joy of association with Him.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA
 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JUNE 27, 1976
 THE REV. RALPH C. LINK, PASTOR
 MRS. KAY MORRIS, ORGANIST
 MR. RALPH COOPER, CHOIR DIRECTOR
 SMELLY HOCKENBERRY, RANDY DELLEN - ACOLYTES

ORDER OF WORSHIP - 10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE: "FANTASY IN C MAJOR" BACH
 PLEASE BE SILENT WHEN THE PRELUDE MUSIC BEGINS

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 282 "FAITH OF OUR FATHERS!"

*ASCRIPTION

*EXHORTATION

*CONFESSION (IN UNISON) "O LORD, WHOSE WAY IS PERFECT,
 HELP US, WE PRAY THEE, ALWAYS TO TRUST IN THY GOODNESS;
 THAT, WALKING WITH THEE AND FOLLOWING THEE IN ALL
 SIMPLICITY, WE MAY POSSESS QUIET AND CONTENTED MINDS,
 AND MAY CAST ALL OUR CARE UPON THEE, FOR THY CAREST
 FOR US; FOR THE SAKE OF JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN."

*KYRIE (CHOIR, CONGREGATION AND PASTOR)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON - CHORAL AMEN

*PRAISE

*PASTOR: O LORD OPEN OUR LIPS.

*PEOPLE: AND OUR MOUTH SHALL SHOW FORTH THY PRAISE

*DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE: 2 SAMUEL 1: 1-16

HYMN No. 281 "A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)

*GLORIA PATRI

CALL TO PRAYER

*PASTOR: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

*PEOPLE: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.

*PASTOR: LET US PRAY.

PRAYER AND PRAYER RESPONSE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "ANDANTE IN G MINOR" RHEINBERGER

SOLO: "I LIFT UP MINE EYES" REEF LLOYD LINK

SERMON: "LIE AND DIE"

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 292 "ONWARD, CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS"

*BENEDICTION AND THREE FOLD AMEN
 ORGAN POSTLUDE: "IMPROVISATION" MORRIS

----- *CONGREGATION STANDING -----

THE LOVELY FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN PLACED BY
 THE ROBERT TAIT FAMILY TO THE "GLORY OF GOD"

SERVING AS USHERS TODAY ARE: *RICHARD MANGEL,
 DARYL TAIT, JOHN DREHER AND GARY PENAR.

DEACON AND MRS. WILLIAM PFLUGH WILL GREET THE PEOPLE
 AT THE DOOR TODAY.

THE ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY WAS 150.

NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED TODAY BY: MRS. VIRGINIA
 MANGEL, MRS. LINDA SHEPPECK AND ROBIN KNAYER. *ST. FRANKLIN*

*HOSPITALIZED: EARL WOGAN, MRS. GERTRUDE DAVIS (LOUIS)

MRS. GRACE CHARLTON, HERBERT SHEARER, LEWIS KRADEL
 (MAXI CARE), MR. STEPHEN SHEPPECK - HUSBAND OF MRS.
 HELEN SHEPPECK.

*CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC: WILL BEGIN AT 2:00 THIS AFTER-
 NOON AT BUTLER MEMORIAL PARK - (MILLER SHELTER).
 SUPPER WILL BE AT 5:30 P.M. ACTIVITIES AND FELLOW-
 SHIP WILL LAST UNTIL DARK. SWIMMING, CONTESTS,
 GAMES, ETC. WILL BE ON THE AGENDA. BRING A WELL
 FILLED PICNIC BASKET AND JOIN IN THE FUN. BEVERAGE
 AND DESSERT WILL BE PROVIDED.

*NEXT SUNDAY WE WILL HAVE A SPECIAL BICENTENNIAL
 SERVICE. ALTHOUGH SOME OF IT MAY SEEM REGULAR,
 NEVERTHELESS, WE ARE TOLD TO LOVE OUR COUNTRY AS
 WELL AS GOD. IT WILL BE A DIFFERENT SERVICE FOR MOST
 OF US.

WE WISH TO THANK THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED COOKIES FOR
 THE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CHILDREN - IT WAS GREATLY
 APPRECIATED. WE WISH ALSO TO THANK ALL OF THOSE
 THAT HAD A PART IN TEACHING AND ASSISTING WITH THE
 BIBLE SCHOOL.

*THURS. - JULY 1, 7:00 P.M. SPECIAL MEETING OF ALL THE
 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WORKERS AND TEACHERS.
 DON'T FORGET WHEN YOU GO ON VACATION - THE CHURCH
 GOES ON AND THE EXPENSES GO ON.

*LAST SUNDAY THE LOOSE OFFERING WAS GIVEN FOR MEALS
 ON WHEELS AND A TOTAL OF \$69.06 WAS GIVEN TOWARDS
 THIS WORTHWHILE PROJECT. IF YOU INTEND TO DONATE
 TOWARD THIS - PLEASE MARK IT AS SUCH.

MEMO RIDE CALL 282-4100 (SHIRLEY THOMPSON)

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"Lie And Lie"

Text: 2 Samuel 1:1-16,
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Ziklag had been given to King David by Achish, King of Gath and he used it as a base for his raids against the Amalekites. When the Philistines went out to battle against King Saul and his army, they requested that David ~~xxxxxxx~~ return to Ziklag and remain there. When David gets back to his home he finds that it has been sacked by the Amalekites, and all of the people including his two wives were taken captive. He pursues the Amalekites and utterly defeats them, recapturing his people and his wives. It is while he is at Ziklag a few days later that another Amalekite comes to King David and tells him of the death of Saul and Jonathan.

He comes to David in ^{ripped and torn clothing,} ~~xxxxxxx~~ and with dirt on his head and in his hair, as a symbol of mourning. He bows before David and David asks him the first time, "Where did you come from?" He informs David that he is from the Israelite camp and has escaped the slaughter there. David asks for further information as to the outcome of the battle, and is told that the Israelites were routed and fled for their very lives. He tells David that Saul and Jonathan are both dead. David, not willing to believe that this has happened asks the man how he knows for a certainty that Saul and Jonathan are both dead.

As the young man begins to tell his tale to David. He tells that he just happened to be near Saul on Mt. Gilboa, and he saw Saul leaning on his spear with the enemy chariots and horsemen in hot pursuit. Saul supposedly spies the young man and asks who he is. The young man answers he is an Amalekite and at this Saul requests that he kill him. The young man reports that he did slay Saul as requested, and he took the crown ~~xxxxxxx~~ from his head, and the bracelet from his arm, and he produces these to David as proof of what he says.

At the news of what David and his men have heard, they rent their clothes, or ripped at them as a gesture of futility. Then they went into mourning and they signified this by weeping, and fasting. This was done until the evening, and then David calls for the young man to be brought to him once again.

He again asks the young man who he is and where he came from. The young man again answers that he is an Amalekite. David asks him why he was not afraid

¹⁰ kill the king of Israel, and he calls one of his men to come forward and to execute the young man. Which is what happens. And David says to him, (Text). Thus ends a tale which ~~is more~~ more sensational and electrifying than any that man could invent for television entertainment today. That makes it more sensational is that it is true.

But there are several things to be noted about this episode. First I would like to point out that if you read this story and then read some of the interpretations about it, you will be told that it never took place. I was alarmed this past week as I read an interpretation of this event, and the author said that it was a story that someone made up, because it directly conflicts with what took place in the 31st chapter of 1 Samuel. Now no one would disagree with that statement, because both episodes are different. In 1 Samuel Saul asks his armor bearer to kill him, and when the armor bearer refuses, he kills himself. In 2 Samuel 1, the Amalekite is requested to kill Saul, and he says he did as the king requested. But there is a definite reason underlying the difference in the two stories which needs to be brought out. But before we look at the hidden motive, I would like to prove from the Bible itself once again, that the story is true, and all it takes is for a person to search this out and to have God prove it Himself in His own Word.

If you will turn to the 4th chapter of 2 Samuel you will see it for yourself. Here we read that two men who were captains of the raiding parties of Ishbosheth a son of King Saul, crept into his house and killed him while he slept. They cut off his head and brought it to David, thinking they would get a reward. But we read in verse 9 and 10, how David himself said he dealt with the young man who said he had slain Saul. Thus we see the story ~~xxxxxx~~ did not produce a conflict, but merely shows the underlying motive behind the man coming to David and claiming to have killed Saul.

God's Word is accurate and true, and if we are going to try to understand what God is trying to tell us, we need to believe His Word is inspired, and not in error.

Now when we strive to get to the reason for the young man claiming to have killed Saul, we can read what David said about it. David said he had the young man killed because he wanted a reward and so he lied. Thus David let it be known in his kingdom, "Lie, and Die."

We can see how this young fellow saw the opportunity to take advantage of this situation. He probably felt that David would be happy to hear of the death of his enemy King Saul, and he would probably be in the mood to give a handsome reward to the fellow who killed him. So ~~he~~ when he came upon the dead body of the king with his crown on, and his bracelets on his arm, he took ~~xxxxxx~~ advantage of the occasion and removed them. Then he stole away into the night on his errand to get repaid by King David.

But as is always the case you cannot formulate plans of deceit and expect to reap rewards. Jeremiah said, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" It is from the heart that deceit springs. As he said out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, thefts, false witness, blasphemies." Jeremiah asks who can know the heart, and it is Jesus who says what is in the heart. God knows the heart. We cannot fool Him.

(Illustration of little boy and father who had been hung)

No matter how we may strive to gloss over the truth, it is bound to come out. In the book of Numbers we are told, "Be sure your sins will find you out." We cannot hide them no matter how hard we try. We have had two very vivid examples of this in Butler County in the past few years. One fellow killed his wife and buried her, ~~and xxxxx went walking his dog, while out walking xxxxx~~ a man and his dog out for a walk, discovered one red painted toe sticking out of the ground. A woman who was just convicted of killing her boyfriend buried him in a field. The prosecutor told the jury, "If it hadn't rained,

! If the cows had not wandered into that part of the field." But you see God brought all this to light. You cannot hide things from Him.

Honesty is still the best policy in all of life.

(Illustration of janitor in bank who found large sum of money.)

This is how each of us should face life. We have to live with ourselves. Dishonesty begins within each of us. We need to look into our own hearts and ask how honest we are. To see if there is any deceit there we are trying to pass off as righteousness. Did the young man in today's scripture prove anything by his deceit? Of course not. For him it meant death and a needless death at that. He could have simply returned the crown and the bracelet and told the truth and lived. Instead he Lied, and Died.

This is the promised end of all who wish to live by deceit. God's law becomes, "Lie And Die." ~~Many people have lived by deceit and~~ This doesn't always mean a physical death, but a spiritual one. Many people today are living lives of defeat, and depression, and worry needlessly, and all because they have the guilt of dishonesty or deceit in their lives. And all they need do is to confess it to the Saviour and ask His forgiveness and life can take on new purpose and meaning.

We can cleanse our lives and our hearts of all of this if we are willing to turn to Jesus Christ. But if we persist in our old deceitful ways, and refuse to do what is necessary to change this course of our lives, then we must hear the words of God as they were given to that young man who lied to get a reward: "Thy blood be upon thy head, for thy mouth hath testified against thee," And so it is God's law, "Lie And Die."

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA
INDEPENDENCE DAY - 200TH ANNIVERSARY JULY 4, 1976
THE REV. RALPH C. LINK, PASTOR
MRS. KAY MORRIS, ORGANIST
MR. RALPH COOPER, CHOIR DIRECTOR
MARY CELLEN AND MARK FRY - ACOLYTES

ORDER OF WORSHIP - 10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE MUSIC: "HYMNS OF AMERICA" AND "TRUMPET TUNE"
BY HENRY PURCELL

*HYMN No. 440 "GOD OF OUR FATHERS, WHOSE ALMIGHTY HAND"

*SCRIPTION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*INVOCATION

RESPONSIVE READING #72 - PAGE 619 HYMNAL

HYMN No. 439 "GOD BLESS OUR NATIVE LAND"

*PLEDGE TO CHRISTIAN FLAG - I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE
CHRISTIAN FLAG, AND TO THE SAVIOR FOR WHOM KINGDOM IT
STANDS: ONE SAVIOR, CRUCIFIED, RISEN, AND COMING AGAIN,
WITH LIFE AND LIBERTY FOR ALL WHO BELIEVE.

*THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER

O SAY! CAN YOU SEE, BY THE DAWN'S EARLY LIGHT,
WHAT SO PROUDLY WE HAILED, AT THE TWILIGHT'S LAST GLEAMING?
WHOSE BROAD STRIPES AND BRIGHT STAR, THROUGH THE PERILOUS FIGHT,
OVER THE HAMPAHS WATCHED, WERE SO GALLANTLY STREAMING?
AND THE ROCKETS RED GLARE, THE BOMBS BURSTING IN AIR,
GAVE PROOF THROUGH THE NIGHT THAT OUR FLAG WAS STILL THERE.
O SAY, DOES THAT STAR SPANGLED BANNER YET WAVE
OVER THE LAND OF THE FREE AND THE HOME OF THE BRAVE?

O THUS BE IT EVER WHEN FREE MEN SHALL STAND
BETWEEN THEIR LOVED HOMES AND THE WAR'S DESOLATION!
BLEST WITH VICTORY AND PEACE, MAY THE HEAV'N RESCUED LAND
PRAISE THE POWER THAT HATH MADE AND PRESERVED US A NATION!
THEN CONQUER WE MUST, WHEN OUR CAUSE IT IS JUST,
AND THIS BE OUR MOTTO: "IN GOD IS OUR TRUST!"
AND THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER IN TRIUMPH SHALL WAVE
OVER THE LAND OF THE FREE AND THE HOME OF THE BRAVE!

*PLEDGE TO AMERICAN FLAG

*CALL TO PRAYER - SOLO- LLOYD LINK "IT'S TIME TO PRAY"
BY PETERSON

PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "NOT ALONE FOR MIGHTY EMPIRE" BUNJES

ANTHEM - SOLO - CYNDIE SYBERT "GOD BLESS AMERICA"

SCRIPTURE: DEUTERONOMY 28: 1-14

SERMON: "HEADS OR TAILS?"

SERMON PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC

MINE EYES HAVE SEEN THE GLORY OF THE COMING OF THE LORD;
HE IS TRAMPLING OUT THE VINEYARD WHERE THE GRAPES OF
WRATH ARE STORED;

HE HATH LOOSED THE FATEFUL LIGHTNING OF HIS TERRIBLE

SWIFT SWORD;

HIS TRUTH IS MARCHING ON.

I HAVE SEEN HIM IN THE WATCHFIRES OF A HUNDRED

CIRCLING CAMPS;

THEY HAVE BUILT HIM AN ALTAR IN THE EVENING DEWS

AND DAMPS;

I CAN READ HIS RIGHTEOUS SENTENCE BY THE DIM AND

FLARING LAMPS;

HIS DAY IS MARCHING ON.

IN THE BEAUTY OF THE LILIES CHRIST WAS BORN ACROSS
THE SEA,

WITH A GLORY IN HIS BOSOM THAT TRANSFIGURES YOU AND ME;

AS HE DIED TO MAKE MEN HOLY, LET US LIVE TO MAKE MEN FREE,

WHILE GOD IS MARCHING ON.

CHORUS:

GLORY, GLORY! HALLELUJAH! GLORY, GLORY! HALLELUJAH!

GLORY, GLORY! HALLELUJAH! HIS TRUTH IS MARCHING ON.

*BENEDICTION

*THREEFOLD AMEN

*POSTLUDE "O GOD OUR HELP IN AGES PAST" YOUNG

*CONGREGATION STANDING

THE LOVELY FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN PLACED BY

MR. & MRS. NICK NOHACH IN MEMORY OF "LOVED ONES"

USHERS TODAY: "ALLEN BOTACCHI, JOHN REDMAN, DAN BOSKO,

ROBERT KNAUER AND CHARLES PENAR.

DEACONESSES MRS. JOAN MASTER AND ELLEN WILL BE GREETERS.

NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED BY JANE ANDREWS, BARB ANDREWS

AND JODIE MARTE.

1 "Heads or Tails?"

Cont: cont. 29:13

Cor' cure: cont 29:1-14

Cont: ask diff 2 3 whether head or tail

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(Illus I die a Girlfriend)

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v. 14 expl conditions 2day, 3 we pervert

(Illus abortion clinic)

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during week.

(Illus girl 3 Liberty Torch)

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at cele 200 UBA, wat will 3 4 U?

2 3 HEAD? OR RU TAIL?

"Heads or Tails?"

ext: Deuteronomy 22:13, 14 TO THE LORD SHALL I BE THE HEAD, AND NOT THE TAIL; AND THOU SHALT BE ABOVE ME, AND NOT BELOW ME; IF THOU WILT, I SHALL OBEY THE COMMANDMENT OF THE LORD; IF NOT, I SHALL NOT OBEY, TO CHOOSE AND TO DO WILL.

Scripture: Deuteronomy 22:1-14

Sometimes we have a way of making decisions that involves the use of a coin. We say that one side represents heads, and the other side represents tails. After we have designated which is which, we make a choice of the one we desire to have come up, and we flip it, and then act upon whichever choice appeared. At sporting events such as football there's a choice of kickoff, or which end of the field to defend is necessary, a coin is used to determine this. To most of us it makes no real difference whether we choose heads or tails when flipping a coin. To be on top, or to be beneath, but in the eyes of God, heads or tails, makes a great deal of difference. In ~~xxxxxxx~~ is a deep concern of God. the portion of scripture we just read deals with telling the people what they must do in order to remain as the people of God. In the 13th verse is the admonition for the people of Israel to be Heads or on top, and not to be Tails, which is considered to be beneath.

As we go through this portion of scripture verse by verse, I believe that it is interesting if we will think of the Israelites living in their day, and think of 20th century America, and make ~~xxx~~ note of the parallels to be found here.

vs. 1, God set the nation of Israel high above all nations of the earth, the United States at one time held this unique distinction as well.

vs. 2, These blessings came to both Israel and the United States.

vs. 3, The blessings of the city and the field came to pass in both Israel and the United States. At one time they had safe cities where their people could walk down the streets without fear. The United States did too, but that time is past, because of the large scale crime and violence rampant in our land.

vs. 4, Israel was able to not only feed themselves, but to feed many neighboring nations as well, and the parallel is equally fitting here for the US.

vs. 5, The basket mentioned here would have to do with the production of wheat and other grains. The kneading trough would be the utensils or vessels in which bread was made. We have been able to produce so abundantly of grain that we

have been able to supply other countries with our surplus. One part of our nation, in the Midwest, has been called, "The breadbasket of the world."

vs. 3, the blessing here had to do with being safe and secure not only in going in and out of their individual homes, but going in and out of the country as well. Here again we see that for the Israelites and the United States, the parallels are strikingly similar.

vs. 7, There was not a power that could withstand the might of the army of Israel even though many times the other armies had far superior numbers and forces.

There was once a time when the United States military might was the strongest in the world, not because of superiority, but because like Israel, we relied upon God.

vs 9-11, the Lord re-iterates what He has said in the previous verse, expanding upon them, and we can see they came to pass in Israel and the ~~xxxx~~ parallel has extended to the United States.

v_ 12, and this verse we can very vividly see the blessing of God upon our land. (Illustration of visitor from India, & size of American garbage cans).

~~(Illustration of visitor from India, & size of American garbage cans)~~

The latter part of vs xx 12 hits home to our country perhaps more than anywhere else. It states, (read),. We were the nation who could always give and lend to other countries in trouble. Whenever a disaster occurred we were there with our money to help out. But we are on the verge of national bankruptcy. Senator Goldwater said just recently that 90% of what each person earns goes for taxes. He stated that when it reaches 50% or more we will not be able to recover from it. We are spending millions and millions of dollars in the red and it has been a fact of history that when nations have had to borrow to survive, they have fallen.

(Illustration of hippie & girlfriend.)

It is a major problem of our country. We can make jokes about it, but we all know that unless we start cracking down on those who would undermine our society by their freeloading tactics, and destructive solutions, we will not long survive.

...ing, because that is enough time to give to God. We have too many other things to do and we cannot give the day over to Him as we once did. We do not want to be bothered during the week with prayer meetings, or Bible study, or choir rehearsal because it will interfere with our lodge meetings, or the entertaining of ourselves in some other way.

Then we wring our hands and lament that the crime rate has gone up by astronomical numbers. Our young people are involved in drugs and pre-marital sex and violence. The adult population has escaped to a ~~happy~~ world of social engagements and country club living, with social drinking so that we have over 9 million ~~alcoholics~~ alcoholics in our nation. Many of these are from middle income homes, and we cry "What has happened?"

We refuse to believe that any change which must occur in our nation must begin not with somebody else, but with ME. (Illustration of Dwight D. Moody and what he said about the individual). If I expect to see a return to this country of the law and order and decency upon which it was founded, I have to begin within my own heart. If I expect to see this nation return to a nation of people under God, I must begin by seeking God's church more than just when I feel like it. I must begin to read my Bible and pray more than I ever have in my life. I need to begin to show that Jesus Christ means more to me than just a name in an obscure book. Our nation needs Jesus Christ at its very core, more so today than at any other time. We have had enough time ~~xxx~~ trying to solve our ~~problems~~ problems with the wily nilly, mamby pamby, wishy washy, way of "Well, live and let live." We need to turn out ~~thousands of~~ dozens of people from our Churches on Sunday morning who are fired up for the Lord, and willing to speak to their friends and relatives and neighbors about it sometime during the week. This is what is going to turn our nation around.

(Illustration of little girl and helper Liberty hold the torch).

Many people are questioning who is going to help hold up the torch of liberty today. But it falls back on you and me. God has given us the choice of being weak or strong. ~~xxxx~~ As we stand forth on this 200th birthday of our nation today, what will it be for you? Are you weak? Or are you strong?

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JULY 11, 1976
THE REV. RALPH C. LINK, PASTOR
MRS. KAY MORRIS, ORGANIST
MR. RALPH COOPER, CHOIR DIRECTOR
MARY DELLEN,

ORDER OF WORSHIP - 10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE: "PAVAN" Rowley
PLEASE BE SILENT WHEN THE PRELUDE MUSIC BEGINS
*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 21 "JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE"
*ASCRPTION
*EXHORTATION
*CONFESSION (IN UNISON) "O LORD OUR GOD, GREAT, ETERNAL,
WONDERFUL IN GLORY, WHO KEEPEST COVENANT AND PROMISE
FOR THOSE THAT LOVE THEE WITH THEIR WHOLE HEART, WHO
ART THE LIFE OF ALL, THE HELP OF THOSE THAT FLEE UNTO
THEE, THE HOPE OF THOSE WHO CRY UNTO THEE, CLEANSE US
FROM OUR SINS, AND FROM EVERY THOUGHT DISPLEASING TO
THY GOODNESS. CLEANSE OUR SOULS AND BODIES, OUR HEARTS
AND CONSCIENCES, THAT WITH A PURE HEART AND A CLEAR MIND,
WITH PERFECT LOVE AND CALM HOPE, WE MAY VENTURE
CONFIDENTLY AND FEARLESSLY TO PRAY UNTO THEE. AMEN."
*KYRIE (CONGREGATION AND PASTOR)
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON
*PRAISE
*PASTOR: O LORD OPEN OUR LIPS.
*PEOPLE: AND OUR MOUTH SHALL SHOW FORTH THY PRAISE
*DOXOLOGY
SCRIPTURE: DEUTERONOMY 3: 12-20
HYMN No. 209 "DEPTH OF MERCY!"
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)
*GLORIA PATRI
CALL TO PRAYER
PASTOR: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.
PEOPLE: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.
PASTOR: LET US PRAY.
PRAYER AND PRAYER RESPONSE
OFFERING
OFFERTORY "Song" PEETERS
COGNITION OF VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL LEADERS AND WORKERS

SOLO "LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH" MILLER
SUNG BY LEANNE HEATON, GUEST SOLOIST
SERMON: "THE OLD SAW"
PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER
*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 217 "ROCK OF AGES"
*BENEDICTION AND THREE FOLD AMEN
ORGAN POSTLUDE: "POSTLUDE ON 'HYMN TO JOY'" BEETHOVEN
- - - - - *CONGREGATION STANDING - - - - -
THE LOVELY FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN PLACED BY
MR. & MRS. COYLE FOWLER IN MEMORY OF "LOVED ONES"
SERVING AS USHERS TODAY ARE: *WALLY FEDER, JOHN SNOW,
MONT MACKINNEY, HERB SHEARER AND STEVE VARGO.
DEACON AND MRS. CHARLES BENAR WILL BE THE GREETERS
AT THE DOOR TODAY.
NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED TODAY BY: SANDY SHEPPECK,
BONNIE VENSEL AND MARCI SHEPPECK.
THE ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY WAS 184
*HOSPITALIZED: MRS. GRACE CHARLTON, MRS. HULCA LIPPOLO
(NORMAN), MR. PAUL WOGAN (ST. FRANCIS), MRS. ELEANOR
MCWILLIAMS (ST. MARGARETS).
*WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF
MR. EVERETT McCANDLESS WHO PASSED AWAY JULY 7.
THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS THEY HAVE LIVED IN FLORIDA.
TONIGHT - 7:00 - FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
DON'T FORGET TO RESERVE JULY 23, 24, 25 - ARC CAMPING
AT FRYMONTING STATE PARK (SEE ARTICLE IN NEWSLETTER)
ANYONE IN THE CHURCH IS INVITED - ALL YOU NEED IS
CAMPING EQUIPMENT.
*MRS. MARY YOUNG OF SUNNYVIEW (SARA SNOW'S MOTHER)
WILL BE 80 ON JULY 17TH - LET US NOT FORGET TO
REMEMBER AND SEND HER A BIRTHDAY CARD.
*YOUTH CHOIR - ANYONE ENTERING THE FOURTH GRADE AND UP
WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE YOUTH CHOIR
PLEASE LEAVE YOUR NAME IN THE OFFICE. MEMBERS FROM
LAST YEAR PLEASE SIGN UP ALSO SO WE KNOW EXACTLY HOW
MANY EXTRA ROBES WILL BE AVAILABLE.
THERE ARE STILL SOME SPECIAL - (GREEN) LIVING BIRDS
IN THE OFFICE AT A SPECIAL PRICE OF \$6.75.
WE APPRECIATE ALL OF THE LEADERS AND HELPERS AND ANYONE
WHO HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH HELPING OUT OF VACATION
CHURCH SCHOOL. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THOSE
WHO BAKED COOKIES FOR THE YOUTH.

"The Old Law"

Text: Numbers 32:1

Orig: Deut. 3:12-20

(The Stirler & my sermons)

Message same, encas diff terms/phrases

Dicton: Old Law, homely sayin well worn with repetit
and as the preacher filled his serm with wise saws
1st 2 use an Ol Law, but word Law as used tin immen
Script; Rose reitater wander events peop is

Subtitle: G's land given the 2nd tribes

Numbers 32: 1-14, acct as took place:

vs 1, Head twice,
vs 2-5 ask Rose let settle, vs 6 Rose ask quest;
vs 7, Rose tell thots concern others, recount history;
vs 10, want best land 4 cattle, vs 17, assur Rose
vs 18-19, nor assur Rose, Rose giv permission
rent chap tell Reuben, Gad, 2 trib Manasseh settle
Reason sound good, logic, but conflic G want,
plac in Iron Land, & they compromis & insult & coven
Based on 1st, & brot 4th Ol Law, Luv G no other,
Js=No man serv 2 master, luv 1, hate other, hold 2nd 1,
despise other. Canno serv G & Baannon.

2 plac prop prior hand Isites, but selfis took prece
Reub, Gad, Manassites no rej G, but want do own thing
lat car number 1, & they SAW gold opp tak advant may
never cum again

House, town, pastur all set up, no cultiv, plow, clear, etc
No lie sky, by & by, it now=No need futur proms Lord
Wat happen? Succeed busi no try? no effort millions?
1 Chron 5:25-26

Js say, Wat shall prof man gain whole world los soul
(Illus Can sinkin ship, drown Bcuz greed)

Reub, Gad, Manassites, repeat every day, am 4feit soul
4 personal greed, selfishness

No 1, Song, Xpian, can serv self & 4get Xp

As no stor this sid Jord, pres on Iron Land & serv

(Illus Rock Of Israel) his lyrics do liv on

it 2 Rock Js Xp must mov/challeng, opports 2 serv
alway ther simply Bcuz we SAW, need avert this

G 4bid We SAW & it plac 2 furth selves"

Insted=all mov 2 that Rock which Js Xp Saviour

& wemov 2 that rock & C in Rock Iron Land, Cov G

Regard circum, probs, obstacles, opports with world,

Bliever says with Lord, I mus do will Him who sent"

It truth/wrong, right/error, holiness/sin, Xp/Batan,

This world/next.

Cc pro trib stil with us, & wud glad hav us swell

re-as with phys & spiritual presence, but G grant we

nev desert 2 their ranks Bcuz we decid 23 part OLD
SAW

"The Old Saw"

Text: Numbers 32:1, "THEY WOULD SAY TO MOSES, 'We will not go with you into the land of Canaan, for we are not armed like you. We will not go with you into the land of Canaan, for we are not armed like you. We will not go with you into the land of Canaan, for we are not armed like you.'"

Scripture: Deuteronomy 3:12-20

Somebody asked my wife once about my sermons. She said, "They all sound pretty much the same, but I think he hollers in different places."

Many times the message is the same, except that it is encased in different terms and phrases. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Webster's dictionary says that an Old Saw, is an old sawy saying that is well worn with repetition, such as, "The preacher filled his sermon with wise saws." An Old Saw then, other than being an old sawy repetition a preacher may use, is something that speaks a truth through endless ages and generations. I would like to not only use our subject this morning as "An Old Saw," but also to use the word "Saw" as it has been used since time immemorial.

Our Scripture for this morning deals with a re-iteration by Moses of some of the events which had transpired in the wanderings of the people of Israel in the desert. A subtitle at the beginning of the reading simply states, "The land given the 2 1/2 tribes." This is the tale as it was recapped for the Israelite as history. But I would like for us to turn to the 32nd chapter of the book of Numbers, where we find recorded by Moses, the actual account as it took place. We read in verse one, (read this and repeat, "and when they saw,"). Then read on through verse 5. They are asking Moses to let them settle in this land and not to require they cross the Jordan with the others. Verse 6, Moses asks them if they are willing to sit idly by on this side of the Jordan, while their ^{by themselves} brothers cross the Jordan and ^{which} fight the battles ~~xxxx~~ must be fought there. Verse 7, he intimates that their decision to stay on this side, could ~~xxxxxx~~ easily influence some of the others to desire to stay on this side, and thus bring about a condition of turning against what God wants them to do. Moses recounts to their memory the record of the spies going out into the valley of Eshcol and coming back and turning the people against the will of God, by trusting in their human knowledge. ~~22~~ He tells how God became extremely angry

with them, and because of this God decreed that only Joshua and Caleb were to set foot in the promised land. All of their fathers and the ones living at that time with the exception of Moses, Joshua and Caleb, were now dead. Here was the completely new generations that were ready to cross over and receive the inheritance as promised by God, and they were doing the same thing and turning from God. But they ~~xx~~ strive to assure Moses that their desires are merely to have the best pastures, and grazing land for their cattle, vs 15. They assure him that once they have taken care of their herds, and ~~there~~ settled their families, they will help to settle the others across the Jordan, vs 17. They tell Moses they will not return to their homes until their brethren are properly settled in the land on the east bank of the Jordan, vs 18 & 19. Moses then tells them that if they will do as they have promised they will not be guilty before the Lord, but if they fail to do as they have said, then God will punish them for it. The next of this 22nd chapter tells how the sons of Ruben, and the sons of Gad, and the sons of the tribe of Manasseh settled the land east of the Jordan river.

The reasons these people gave for their desire to settle on this side of the Jordan were very legitimate. It was sound reasoning and logic, but it conflicted with what God wanted them to do. Their place was inside the promised land, and not over and away from it. Their reasoning was one of compromise and it was an insult to the covenant promise of God. Their decision was based upon the little usually inoffensive word, "but." B A S, "but." This looking which they did at the fertile green pastures stretching before and around them, brought forth "The Old Law," which had always been a part of their very life and existence. This old law was simply a re-iteration of a portion of the 10 Commandments, which has to do with serving only God, and not the things of this world; or the things of man. Jesus added to this and gave it an actual form when he stated, "No man can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other; or else he will ~~xxxxxx~~ be faithful to the one, and despise the other. He cannot serve God and mammon." Or in other words you cannot serve God and the things of the world or of man.

So you see the story of the Ammonites, the Midianites, and the half tribe of Manasse is not an isolated case in history, but is repeated each and every day. Man in all parts of the world, and in all walks of life is willing to forfeit his very soul for his own personal greed and selfishness.

No one can be concerned with feathering his own nest and forget everything and everyone around him. No ~~church~~ congregation can serve themselves completely and isolate themselves from service outside of their small circle. No Christian can serve his own selfish needs and forget to serve his Christ. We are not to stop here on this side of our Jordan, but we must press on toward that promised land and be content to serve in whatever pasture our Father gives to us.

(Illustration of Rock of Ages, Augustus Toplady)

His lyrics do indeed live on, but you see it is to that Rock which is Jesus Christ that we must move. The challenges are always there, as well as the opportunities to serve our needs simply because "He Law." But God forbid that it be said of us that "We saw and behold the place was a place that was good for the furthering of ourselves. Let it ~~be~~ be instead that all of us see that distant Rock which is Jesus Christ our Saviour. And that it is to that Rock toward which we ever move. For in that Rock we see the promised land and the fulfillment of God's covenant through Him.

Regardless of the circumstances, the problems, the obstacles, or the opportunities with the world, the believer says with His Lord, "I must do the will of Him who sent me." It is either truth or error, right or wrong, holiness or sin, Christ or Satan, this world or the next. The compromising tribes are still with us, and would gladly have us swell their ranks with our physical and spiritual presence, but God grant that we may never desert to their ranks because we decided to be a part of "The Old Law."

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JULY 18, 1976
THE REV. RALPH C. LINK, PASTOR
MRS. KAY MORRIS, ORGANIST
MR. RALPH COOPER, CHOIR DIRECTOR
PATTY McWILLIAMS AND RICKY VINROE - ACOLYTES

ORDER OF WORSHIP - 10:00 A.M.
PRELUDE: "JESU, JOY OF MAN'S DESIRING" BACH
PLEASE BE SILENT WHEN THE PRELUDE MUSIC BEGINS
*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 8 "PRAISE YE THE LORD, THE
ALMIGHTY"

*ASCRPTION

*EXHORTATION

*CONFESSION (IN UNISON) "MOST HOLY AND MERCIFUL FATHER,
WE ACKNOWLEDGE AND CONFESS BEFORE THEE; OUR SINFUL
NATURE PRONE TO EVIL AND SLOTHFUL IN GOOD; AND ALL OUR
SHORTCOMINGS AND OFFENSES. THOU ALONE KNOWEST HOW OFTEN
WE HAVE SINNED; IN "WANDERING FROM THY "WAYS; IN WASTING
THY GIFTS; IN FORGETTING THY LOVE. BUT THOU, O LORD,
HAVE PITY UPON US; WHO ARE ASHAMED AND SORRY FOR ALL
WHEREIN WE HAVE DISPLEASED THEE. TEACH US TO HATE OUR
ERRORS; CLEANSE US FROM OUR SECRET FAULTS; AND FORGIVE
OUR SINS FOR THE SAKE OF THY DEAR SON. AND O MOST HOLY
AND LOVING FATHER; HELP US WE BESEECH THEE; TO LIVE IN
THY LIGHT AND WALK IN THE "WAYS; ACCORDING TO THE COMMAND-
MENTS OF JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN."

*KYRIE (CONGREGATION AND PASTOR)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PRAISE

*PASTOR: "O LORD OPEN OUR LIPS.

*PEOPLE: AND OUR MOUTH SHALL SHOW FORTH THY PRAISE

*DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE: HEBREWS 11: 1-16

HYMN NO. 314 "HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (STATEMENT OF FAITH) FRONT OF HYMNAL

*GLORIA PATRI

CALL TO PRAYER

PASTOR: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

PEOPLE: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.

PASTOR: LET US PRAY.

PRAYER AND PRAYER RESPONSE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "SWEDISH HYMN IMPROVIGATION"

REPORT ON PENN WEST CONFERENCE ANN WILLIAMS

DUET: "I BELIEVE IN MIRACLES" PETERSON

SUNG BY VON AND KAREN MALONEY

SERMON: "GOD'S GIRAFFES"

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 221 "MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE"

*BENEDICTION AND THREE FOLD AMEN

*ORGAN POSTLUDE: "BENEDICTUS ON 'SICILIAN MARINERS'"

----- *CONGREGATION STANDING -----

THE LOVELY FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN PLACED BY
MRS. MARGARET McCLYMmonds IN MEMORY OF "LOVED ONES"
SERVING AS USHERS TODAY ARE: *ROBBIE VINROE, BOB DELLEN,
BRIAN PEARE, STEVE SMITH, CHRIS PEARE.

ELDER AND MRS. ROLAND THOMPSON WILL REPRESENT COUNCIL
AND BE GREETERS AT THE DOOR TODAY.

NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED TODAY BY: TOM AND JUNE

MASSART AND ELLEN MASTER.

THE ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY WAS 196

*HOSPITALIZED: MRS. GRACE CHARLTON, MRS. ELEANOR McWILLIAMS,

(ST. MARGARET'S HOSPITAL) IN PITTSBURGH.

TONIGHT - 7:00 - MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

MRS. BERT KNAUER WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO
SENT CARDS AND WELL WISHES WHILE SHE WAS IN HOSPITAL.

NEXT WEEKEND - JULY 23, 24, 25 - ARC CAMPING AT

PYMATUNING STATE PARK (SEE ARTICLE IN NEWSLETTER)

ANYONE IN THE CHURCH IS INVITED - ALL YOU NEED IS

YOUR CAMPING EQUIPMENT. PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY -

\$4.00 FEE, NAMES OF THOSE IN FAMILY, MAKE OF CAR,

AND CAR LICENSE.

*YOUTH CHOIR - ANYONE INTERESTED IN JOINING AND YOU

WILL BE ENTERING THE FOURTH GRADE AND UP - PLEASE

SIGN UP IN THE OFFICE. MEMBERS FROM LAST YEAR PLEASE

SIGN UP ALSO - WE WILL KNOW EXACTLY HOW MANY ROBES

WILL BE AVAILABLE.

(GREEN) LIVING BIBLES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE -

IF YOU WOULD LIKE ONE AT THIS SPECIAL PRICE OF \$6.75

PLEASE LET US KNOW.

THE 7TH CHURCH-AT-THE-FAIR SERVICE WILL BE HELD NEXT

SUNDAY - JULY 25 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE GRANDSTAND AT

BUTLER FAIR GROUNDS - 422 WEST.

"God's Giraffes"

Text: Hebrews 11:3,

~~Forasmuch as we know that all things were created by the word of God,~~

Scripture: Hebrews 11:1-16

When we consider God's creation we know that many times some of the best object lessons for our faith, are to be found in the animal kingdom. We know for instance that the Bible mentions sheep quite often, and when we ponder what sheep are and what they do, we realize that they are a good animal as opposed to an evil one. We joke about their being automatic lawn mowers because of the fact that they are constantly bending down and chewing and eating grass. We also know that they are very meek and mild, and it goes to show that many Christians take the mistaken notion that in order to be a good Christian we are to be meek and mild and very inoffensive in our lives. But this is wrong. We are to exemplify the sheep in that we treat others gently and mildly and kindly, but we are to exemplify some other animals as well.

The Giraffe for instance is a rather strange animal. This animal is also known as a kudu antelope. It can grow to the height of 20 feet from the hoof to the top of its head. It is very fleet of foot and it eats mostly leaves and twigs of trees that most other animals cannot reach. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ I once saw a cartoon where a child was looking at a giraffe in the zoo, and he turned to his dad and said, "Boy I would hate to be like him and get a sore throat." We know of course that the Giraffe does have a very long neck. The thing that makes a giraffe altogether different from any other animal is the fact that ~~he~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ in order to survive it must always be sticking its neck out. It cannot just reach down a short distance to the ground as the sheep does, and find the grass that is there. It must reach among the trees for the leaves ~~in~~ of the Acacia and the Mimosa it lives on. ~~It~~ And this is what God requires of His people wherever they may be. If we read the history of God's people we can easily see that they ~~xxxx~~ could be considered as God's Giraffes, for they were willing to stick their necks out by faith.

The 11th chapter of Hebrews is a roll call of God's heroes. It has been called

Vol. 3, No. 4 of 1841 had this kind of faith.

vs 4. Abel was the first sacrifice for sin. By his faith in God he is still held up as the example of faith to follow.

v. "Noch was so faithful he ~~did~~ was not required to lie as everyone else did.

vs 6, we cannot please God without Faith, for it is by Faith that we are able to live as He wants us to, and to do His will. Now can you follow something in which you do not believe?

v. 7, Noah must have been the laughingstock of his day. Can you picture a man
 out building a very large boat in a field far removed from any body of water?
 His neighbors must have had some good laughs about this crazy man.

vs. 8, Abraham believed that he heard God tell him, and he went out to a strange land and believed that God was going to give him the inheritance he was told he would receive.

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 vs 2, Sara came to believe what she at first had laughed at. She was well past
 the age of child bearing and yet she believed that God would fulfill his promise.

ve 12, this is the end result of the Faith of Abraham. More descendants than could possibly ever be counted.

v. 13-15, all of these people died in faith, and because of their faith they live eternally with God.

(Illustration of minister and congregation gathering to pray for rain).

If we want to trust God and even ask God for things we must believe it and act upon it. This is what the author of Hebrews is saying in the 11th verse. He is saying that it is faith in God that tells us that God created the world and all that is in it, but we cannot understand completely how all of this came about, and that we should trust and believe that He did it. But faith and us this is based first of all in God's Word. He tells story after story of the faith of God's men and women. Hebrews 11 gives us a complete list of them. We cannot prove everything in God's Word, and so it becomes a matter of accepting some things and knowing that God reveals His secrets at His own time and choosing.

A professor at Lancaster Seminary taught a course on what was known then as the Faith Crisis. His entire premise was that if you could not prove something scientifically, it never happened. By taking this attitude he did away with about 90% of the Bible. But God doesn't have to prove anything to us to make us believe in Him. He simply asks that we accept Him at His word, and He will reveal Himself to us through His Word.

And then faith comes from God through prayer. We cannot have a vital faith unless we are willing to seek His guidance and help through prayer. When we ask Him to do something, we not only need to make the request, but we need to believe that He is going to do it.

(Illustration of God answering prayer when needed). This is the kind of praying we need to get involved in. Too often our prayers are weak and superficial because we ask God in a half-hearted way. But we need to come boldly to the throne of Grace and make our petitions there. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~

And then faith comes from trying God out, by proving Him. This is where God has a way of separating the would-be Christians, from the real Christians.

(Illustration of God understanding grass into bristles, wool, silk and feathers) We know that God is going to provide these things for His animals, because that is a part of the nature of His creation. But how about the things we need?

In a couple short years we are going to celebrate the 100th anniversary of this congregation. Look around at the things we have here before us. Do you suppose all of this came about because our forefathers had every last dime to pay for it? I do not believe they said, "well, it's going to cost about \$6000 dollars to build this church building and we only have a couple hundred, we better wait until we have it all." I believe they said, "Lord, you brought us over here to form this congregation and now we are looking forward to your blessing us with what we need," and then they moved out in faith and built. We have been talking about adding on and along with it we hear all sorts of negative reports and sour grapes. If we are going to do the job that God wants us to do, then we are going to turn it over to Him and say, "Oh God, you are telling us to accept you at your word, and we need to build and so we expect you to provide." God says, "I have no now herewith, if I will not open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." He says, "I will give it." Are these words of negativism? Of course not. But we limit God ~~by saying that~~ and we are like the sheep of a flock who follow the ~~leader~~ blind leading of other sheep who run at the slightest movement of the wind. Instead we need to be like Giraffes, and stick out our necks and reach for those blessings that God is offering for the taking.

The 14th chapter of Hebrews ~~ix~~ was not given by God just to have a showcase full of trophies that only mean something to the person who earned them. But instead, it is given as is all scripture for an example for us to follow. There is nothing wrong with being a sheep when the situation demands that we be sheep. But there is something wrong when the situation demands we be giraffes, and we continue to be sheep. Let's stick out and follow in the footsteps of God's Giraffes, and be Giraffes in our own right.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA
 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JULY 25, 1976
 THE REV. RALPH C. LINK, PASTOR
 MRS. KAY MORRIS, ORGANIST
 MR. RALPH COOPER, CHOIR DIRECTOR
 PATTY McWILLIAMS AND RICKY VINROE - ACOLYTES

 ORDER OF "WORSHIP" - 10:00 A.M.
 PRELUDE: "GRAVE" FROM SONATA NO. 2 MENDELSSOHN
 PLEASE BE SILENT WHEN THE PRELUDE MUSIC BEGINS
 *PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 17 "I SING THE PRAISE OF LOVE
 UNBOUNDED"

*ACSCRIPTION

*EXHORTATION

*CONFESSION (IN UNISON) "O GOD OF PEACE, WHO THROUGH THY SON JESUS CHRIST DIDST SEND FORTH ONE FAITH FOR THE SALVATION OF MANKIND; SEND THY GRACE AND HEAVENLY BLESSING UPON ALL CHRISTIAN PEOPLE WHO ARE STRIVING TO DRAW NEARER TO THEE, AND TO EACH OTHER, IN THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT AND IN THE BOND OF PEACE. GIVE US PENITENCE FOR OUR DIVISIONS, WISDOM TO KNOW THY TRUTH, COURAGE TO DO THY WILL, LOVE THAT SHALL BREAK DOWN THE BARRIERS OF PRIDE AND PREJUDICE, AND AN ANSWERING LOYALTY TO THY HOLY NAME. SUFFER US NOT TO SHRINK FROM ANY ENDEAVOUR WHICH IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THY WILL, FOR THE PEACE AND UNITY OF THY CHURCH. GIVE US BOLDNESS TO SEEK ONLY THY GLORY AND THE ADVANCEMENT OF THY KINGDOM. UNITE US ALL IN THEE AS THOU, O FATHER, WITH THY SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ART ONE GOD, WORLD WITHOUT END. AMEN."

*KYRIE (CONGREGATION AND PASTOR)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PRAISE

*PASTOR: "O LORD OPEN OUR LIPS.

*PEOPLE: AND OUR MOUTH SHALL SHOW FORTH THY PRAISE

*DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE: DEUTERONOMY 9: 7-29

HYMN No. 87 "BE STILL, MY SOUL: THE LORD IS ON THY SIDE"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)

*GLORIA PATRI

CALL TO PRAYER

PASTOR: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

PEOPLE: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.
 PASTOR: LET US PRAY.

PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "OFFRANDE" PEETERS
 DUET: "BLESS THIS HOUSE" NANCY LINK AND CYNDIE SYBERT

SERMON: "DIVINE SCOLDING"

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 278 "O LOVE THAT WILT NOT LET ME GO"

*BENEDICTION AND THREE FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "ALLEGRO" FROM SONATA NO. 2 MENDELSSOHN

----- *CONGREGATION STANDING -----

THE LOVELY FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN PLACED BY MR. & MRS. MIKE NAZARUK IN MEMORY OF "LOVED ONES"

SERVING AS USHERS TODAY ARE: *DON KINGSLEY, DARYL TAIT, JOHN DREHER, GARY PENAR AND RICHARD MANGEL.

ELDER J. WALTER HARMON WILL BE THE GREETER AT THE DOOR TODAY.

NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED TODAY BY: MRS. VIRGINIA MANGEL, MARLENE RIEMER AND SHELLY HOCKENBERRY.

THE ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY WAS 218.

TONIGHT - 7:00 - MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

THIS IS THE WEEKEND OF THE CAMPERS AT PYMATUNING.

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL CHURCH-AT-THE-FAIR SERVICE WILL BE HELD TONIGHT AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE GRANDSTAND AT THE BUTLER FAIR GROUNDS - 422 WEST.

IF YOU HAVE NOT SIGNED UP FOR THE YOUTH CHOIR AND EXPECT TO DO SO - DO IT NOW. THOSE THAT WERE IN THE YOUTH CHOIR LAST YEAR - PLEASE SIGN UP AGAIN SO WE CAN TELL HOW MANY ROBES WILL BE AVAILABLE. IF YOU ARE IN THE FOURTH GRADE OR UP AND INTERESTED IN CHOIR PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE OFFICE.

HOSPITALIZED - MRS. CORA DUTTER

MONDAY - AUG. 2- CHURCH SERVICES AT SUNNYVIEW HOME.

NEED SINGERS AND ANYONE WANTING TO GO ALONG. COFFEE AND COOKIES FOLLOWING THE SERVICE. MEET IN RECEPTION ROOM INSIDE ENTRANCE AT 1:00 P.M.

MRS. GRACE CHARLTON WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE CONGREGATION FOR THE LOVELY CARDS, FLOWERS AND PRAYERS DURING HER RECENT STAY IN THE HOSPITAL.

MR & MRS LARIN - KAY PARSONS

"Divine Scolding"

Dec 9:24

(Illus 1: Cold/Loen)

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G " " " Divine Scold

Wrest scrip, 2 for TEXT 24

" All 24 wander, Abe, God & Son
Luv/Lath, des baby

Quest: if cold? G hate ev, sin
Men fall, sin & man born sinful
(Scale quote)

Can tak care self/examp TV comm
Can do without G, no need 2 mess
G luv & care, let do but LIVE 20 20
(J scrip quote)

(Illus Lord & Angel)

G hate sin, but luv sinner

(Illus luv Father & Son)

This wat G dun 4 ea sinner
Is so s, 2 weeks, prod sons
(J scrip quote)

G not away He involv G 24 4 luv
Men accept Son faith made whole
G luv with luv no let go
Need determ not how keep G cool,
How relate 2 G luv He want
G share with us
Do this by luv Son Jc 13
Do U know His?

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Q. 11: *What is the purpose of the study?*

Call time: 0000000000 0:7-00

In a previous class I went to the home of a little old lady who was a shut-in to give her communion. It was a summer day which was overcast with dark clouds, and it was the evening off and on. I was reminded of this one evening this past week when we had thunder during the evening. This woman told me her mother had always said that when it was thundering, God was scolding. At the time she told me that I also thought of my late grandfather, who always said this in German. I just once wrote a few short lines in which he simply stated, "There is a line by which we must keep which crosses every path; the hidden boundary between God's patience and His wrath."

Now whether you like to believe that God is real, or when we hear thunder, or whether you like to want to believe that there is a fine line drawn between God's religion and the ~~xxxxx~~ world, is immaterial. But one thing we need to know, and that is, God does have a temper. It don't mean to shatter any proud illusion you may have of God, but can you in all honesty conceive of God as being like a fellow old Santa Claus, always laughing and smiling, and so-so-ing us through this life? If this is our perception of God, then we have been harboring some false ~~xxxxx~~ illusions of Him. God does indeed have a temper, and He is slow to give blessing when it is merited.

our soul, time for this morning is a good case in point. In this passage the 1st chapter of Lamentations, Moses is reiterating to the Israelites the things they did in the past that placed them in the wrath of God. He explains to them some of the things which they perhaps would have liked to have forgotten, and blotted out of their histories. He starts out by stating, "Remember, and forget not," He is telling them that they are to take the past events when they provoked God, as a dear lesson and not to do it again. He takes them through these events point by point, and tells them of their actions, and his

actions, and what God did about it.

(erase the scripture verse by verse).

The thing which Moses points out to them which should have cut them to the very core, is our text for this morning, and it is found in the 24th verse when he states, "Ye have been ~~x~~ rebellious against the Lord, from the day I 'knew you." He was saying, "You were rebellious when you first came out of Egypt, you were rebellious as you wandered through the wilderness, and you are still rebellious.

But even before the deliverance of the Israelites from the bondage of Egypt, they were a rebellious people. Abraham pleaded with God not to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah. Noah was told to build an ark so that he could vent his anger against a wicked, sinful, rebellious people. We read the account of David and Bathsheba and their immorality which caused God to be angry so that their child died at birth.

Now we can see why God gets angry, why He resorts to divine reeling, and with it the subsequent punishment. The answer always has been and always will be that God hates sin, and evil. He hates it in every shape or form that it may take. He hates it in the life of every man woman and child.

Man has always been since the fall in the garden of Eden a proud, rebellious arrogant, self-sufficient sinner. He believes himself capable of taking care of himself and he does not need anyone or anything to coordinate his life.

Don't ever let anyone try to make you believe that man is born basically good, because he isn't. Man is born sinful, and the sin can only be eradicated by that person coming to God and taking what He offers for him. The psalmist David said, "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me." He recognized the failure of man to live up to ~~xxx~~ what God created man to be. But it is this idea that man can take care of himself that has

taught about our predicament of today. It is sort of like the commercial that was on on TV some time ago which showed a woman holding her head, and looking out at another ~~xxxx~~ older female in the house by saying, "Whether I can do it myself." It is which we should be looking about a ~~xxxx~~ to take care of ourselves

number to and to. But this is the way we live with God. He can do it ourselves, and we don't need you standing around in our lives.

Our God is a loving and a caring Father, and He allows us a certain amount of freedom to do our own thing. But when we get to the point of complete reliance upon ourselves, then we are in trouble with Him. For it is then that things begin to backfire, and we begin to understand that we have incurred the wrath of God, and are in for His divine retribution.

Paul tells us that the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and wickedness. We are given to understand by Paul that God hates sin with a passion, and He becomes angry because of it. But Paul and all of the writers of Scripture tell us that we need to have faith in this ~~that~~ angry God, because He is also love.

(Illustration of Lord Wellington)

This is how God operates with each of us. He hates the sin that we are prone to commit, and He hates all sin in every person. But He does not hate the sinner. In fact He loves each sinner to the extent that He is willing to mark said sin full on each of the charts of our lives.

(Illustration of son, drunk, leaving home, and the search by his father).

This is exactly what God has done for each and every sinner. He has sought His sons from the creation of the world and He continues to seek today. You and I are the sons He is seeking. We are the prodigal sons. We are the ones promised the failed call when we return. Our attitude toward God can make sin dance on blunder. Jesus said, "There is more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety and nine righteous ~~men~~ persons who need no repentance." God is not away off somewhere, uncaring and unfeeling. He is involved in our lives and He can love His sinner and become angry simply because He loves us.

This is how God operates. When we accept His love, and are willing to accept what He did for us, then our faith has made us whole. God loves us and seeks us with a love that will not let us go. Yes, we may be involved with a

God who exercises Divine calling in our lives. But it is a calling that is ever
an out of love and not hatred. The thing we need to determine is not how
we can keep God from getting angry, but how do we relate to His love that He
wants to share with us. We do this by knowing His Son, who gave His life for
us. Do you know Him? If there are any of you this morning who do not and would
like to know Him, we invite you to come forward during the singing of the last
hymn. If you have a particular need in your life for prayer, or other spiritual
needs, please come forward and I shall be happy to speak to you.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA
 EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 1, 1976
 THE REV. RALPH C. LINK, PASTOR
 MRS. KAY MORRIS, ORGANIST
 MR. RALPH COOPER, CHOIR DIRECTOR
 BRENDA MARBURGER, DAN BOSKO - ACOLYTES

 ORDER OF WORSHIP - 10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE: "PSALM 19" MARCELLO
 PLEASE BE SILENT WHEN THE PRELUDE MUSIC BEGINS
 *PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 289 "SOLDIERS OF CHRIST, ARISE"
 *ASCRIPTION
 *EXHORTATION
 *CONFESSION (IN UNISON) "O GOD OUR FATHER, WHOSE JOY IS
 EVER JOY IN WORK, AND TO GIVE US STRENGTH OF MIND AND
 BODY THAT WE MAY SHARE THAT JOY WITH THEE, SAVE OUR
 MULTITUDE OF UNEMPLOYED FROM THE TEMPTATIONS THAT BESET
 THEM THROUGH OUR FAILURE TO FIND THEM WORK. KEEP THEM
 FROM ALL LOSS OF CHARACTER, SKILL AND POWER, AND FROM
 THE DESPAIR THAT COMES WITH CONSTANT DISAPPOINTMENT.
 CONSOLE THOSE WHO LONG TO SEE THEIR WIVES AND LITTLE
 ONES IN BETTER CIRCUMSTANCE, AND DRAW THEM TO THY SON,
 WHO, HAVING HAD NO PLACE TO LAY HIS HEAD, CAN FEEL AND
 UNDERSTAND. AND GRANT THAT WE WHOM THOU HAST SO RICHLY
 BLESSED, MAY NEVER REST TILL WE HAVE GIVEN THEM BEAUTY FOR
 ASHES, THE OIL OF JOY FOR MOURNING, AND THE GARMENT OF
 PRAISE FOR THE SPIRIT OF HEAVENESS; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST
 OUR LORD. AMEN."
 *KYRIE (CONGREGATION AND PASTOR)
 *ASSURANCE OF PARDON
 *PRAISE
 *PASTOR: "O LORD OPEN OUR LIPS.
 *PEOPLE: AND OUR MOUTH SHALL SHOW FORTH THY PRAISE
 *DOXOLOGY
 SCRIPTURE: JOB 23
 HYMN No. 283 "GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND OUR STRENGTH"
 *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)
 *GLORIA PATRI
 CALL TO PRAYER
 PASTOR: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.
 PEOPLE: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.

PASTOR: LET US PRAY.

PRAYER
 OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS"

WILLIAM
 LLOYD LINK

SOLO:

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 290 "STAND UP, STAND UP FOR
 *BENEDICTION AND THREE FOLD AMEN JESUS"

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "PSALM 20" MARCELLO

----- *CONGREGATION STANDING -----

THE LOVELY FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN PLACED BY
 MR. & MRS. GOTTLIB KRADEL IN MEMORY OF "SISTERS".

SERVING AS USHERS TODAY ARE: *ALLEN BOTACCHI,
 JOHN REDMAN, DAN BOSKO, ROBERT KNAUER, CHARLES PENAR.
 PRES. AND MRS. PAUL PFABE WILL REPRESENT COUNCIL AT
 THE DOOR TODAY.

THE ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY WAS 153.

NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED TODAY BY: BARB VARGO,

GAYE BOWSER AND SHERRY MCCLIMANS.

TOMORROW - MONDAY - 6:00 P.M. - WOMEN'S MARY PRUGH
 PICNIC SUPPER. MEAT, DESSERT, BEVERAGE WILL BE
 PROVIDED. BRING TUREEN AND TABLE SERVICE.

MRS. ELEANOR MCWILLIAMS WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THOSE
 WHO SENT CARDS AND ASKED PRAYER FOR HER DURING HER
 STAY AT ST. MARGARETS. (SHE IS HOME NOW.)

MRS. MAE DUTTER WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE CONGREGATION
 WHO REMEMBERED HER IN THEIR PRAYERS, SENT CARDS
 AND WELL WISHES AND ALSO FOR FLOWERS.

TONIGHT - MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AT 7:00 P.M.

MONDAY - (TOMORROW) - CHURCH SERVICE AT SUNNYVIEW
 HOME. WE NEED SINGERS AND ANYONE WANTING TO GO ALONG.
 COFFEE AND COOKIES FOLLOWING THE SERVICE. MEET IN
 THE RECEPTION ROOM INSIDE ENTRANCE AT 1:00 P.M.

 O LORD, FROM WHOM ALL GOOD THINGS DO COME, GRANT
 TO US THY HUMBLE SERVANTS, THAT BY THY HOLY INSPIR-
 ATION WE MAY THINK THOSE THINGS THAT ARE GOOD, AND BY
 THY MERCIFUL GUIDING MAY PERFORM THE SAME; THROUGH
 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. AMEN."

EAST DELTA PARISH, U.C.C.
REV. RALPH C. LINK, visiting Pastor
AUGUST 8, 1976

PRELUDE

* HYMN
* INVOCATION
* GLORIA PATRI

APOSTLES CREED (pg. 492 back of Hymnal)
RESPONSIVE READING SO "The Unity of the Spirit"
SCRIPTURE READING
PASTORAL PRAYER
THE LORD'S PRAYER
ANNOUNCEMENTS
OFFERING

* DOXOLOGY
* HYMN

MESSAGE

* HYMN
* BENEDICTION
* POSTLUDE

* PLEASE STAND

Today's bulletins are given by Mrs. Amanda Carlstrom in
memory of loved ones. *****

A check for \$100 was received by the Parish Council
from the Congregational Church of Charlotte, MI.
Their gift is greatly appreciated.

Rick Reilly and DeeDee Truckey request the honour of your
presence at their wedding on Saturday, August 14 at 4 p.m.
at the Isabella Congregational Church. If you are unable
to attend, they ask your presence in thought and prayer.

Bible Study will be held at the parsonage on Thursday at
7:30 p.m.

Only a thought, but the work it wrought,
Can never by tongue or pen be taught,
For it ran through life like a thread of gold
And the life bore fruit a hundred fold.

Only a word! but 'twas spoken in love,
With a whispered prayer to the Lord above --
and the angels in heaven rejoiced once more,
For a new-born soul entered through the door.

No one agrees with the opinions of others.
He merely agrees with his own opinions
expressed by somebody else.

What if the little rain should say,
'As small a drop as I
Can never refresh a drooping earth,
I'll tarry in the sky.'

He who feasts every day feasts no day.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Trinity Congregational Church, UCC - Jud - 9:15 AM
First congregational Church, UCC - Gackle - 11:00 AM
Aug. 15, 1976 - Ralph C. Link, Guest Pastor

*Hymn: My Faith Looks Up To Thee

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*Benediction

*Closing Stanza: "Blest Be the Tie"

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Postlude

Prelude

*Opening Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy

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*Call to Worship

Pastor: Sing a new song to the Lord!

People: Sing to the Lord, all the world!

Pastor: Sing to the Lord, and praise him!

People: Every day tell the good news that he has saved us!

Pastor: Proclaim his glory to the nations,

People: His mighty acts to all peoples.

Pastor: The Lord is great, and must be highly praised;

People: He must be feared more than all the gods.

*Invocation

*Gloria Patri

Responsive Reading: #553

Hymn: Faith is the Victory

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Scripture Reading: Job 23

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Children's Sermon

Announcements

Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts

*Doxology

Sermon: "The Floodation"

The guest speaker on Sunday, Aug. 29, will be Chaplin Al Shorve. He will speak at both Gackle and Jud.

There will be a C.E. meeting Wednesday at 8:00 in the parsonage basement.

Special thanks go to our guest speaker today, Rev. Ralph Link.

"The Floodathon"

Text: Job 23:14

1. then=Meri Athens racer die tell
about Persians

2. kinds WORMS, walk, bite, etc

3. add 2 it FLOODATHON=Job

Think poor Job no lik us & Job exams

tell short life Job, lose all etc

3 friends left=Eliphaz, Sophar, Bildad
story short men=Lehemiah, Bildad, white,

later silver gold no, no man shorter

Eliphaz concl last speech

(create scripture)

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11.11.11 4 Job we wite say

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Let us step out The Floodathon being
carried out 2's children everyday

Let us echo words Job, Text

Next: Job 23:14, "I have heard of thee by the hearing of mine ears, but now I have seen thee. Mine eyes have seen thee, and I am astonished; mine ears have heard of thee, and now I have seen thee."*

The word "endurance" means a long distance race or long test of endurance, and received its name from a Greek racer who ran from Marathon to Athens, a distance of 26 miles, to tell of the defeat of the Persians, and then dropped dead. In recent days we have had a whole lot of "endurance" signifying endurance contests of all kinds. We have had water-thons, road-thons, talkathons, biathons, galathons and so on. But I would like to add one more to the list and that is a "glodathon." For glodathons along these lines xxx came about in reflecting on one of my favorite Old Testament characters and that is Job.

All of this took place at a test given to him by Satan to prove that he would turn away from God. But with all of these afflictions, Job remained steadfast. This doesn't mean that Job took all of this without questioning from time to time, because he did. Job had 3 friends who tried to diagnose and analyze just what it was that caused all of Job's problems. Mostly they concluded to him that he must have done some sins for which God was punishing him. His 3 friends were Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar. One of these men was one of the shortest men in the Bible, and since I have started this story I may as well finish it and tell you the rest of it. The 3 shortest men in the Bible yet were very short.

So with that, let us look at the the 2nd chapter of Job.

chapter to the things Eliazar has said.

(execute script verse 6 verse), skip verse 11 and come back to it.

In all of this Job questions many things about God, but he knows one thing for certain, (Read text, verse 11). That certainty was that he was involved in being steadfast. The living Bible states it, "I have stayed in God's paths, following His steps. I have not turned aside." He was stating that for him, he was involved in a steady plodding thru life, day after day, moment by moment. To put it perhaps in today's language, we might say that for Job this could be called "The Plodathon."

What is what is needed in all of our lives today. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~
~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ We need to understand that this is what God wants from each of
us. Like Job, He wants us to set our sights upon the goal.

(Illustration of college boy and letter V). This is an exciting and unique accomplishment to be sure. Of course we all know that not everyone can be number one. It takes many, many, more who must be also-rans. But that doesn't give us the excuse to sit back and say, "That's the way it is." God does not always require us to be successful, but He does call us to be faithful. That means that we do not give up in disgust or defeat, but we carry on in spite of the odds. We keep on plodding on in ~~xxx~~ "the road of life" of this life.

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ As we live life we see and hear of examples of people who have swept across the stage of life and have left us notable examples to follow. But sometimes we question if we could ever live up to their ideals. But when we look into the inner workings of their lives we see that they were just ordinary flesh and blood people who took advantage of their failures and shortcomings to overcome fear and. Let us look briefly at some of these people.

(Highest order of non success in difficulties of life).

Each of us is important to God. He knows us by name and He loves each of us equally. We need to be willing to submerge ourselves in His love and protection and ~~submit~~ join "the solution" like Job did.

When Jesus hung on the cross on that dark Friday what was it the crowd called to Him? "Come down from the cross, and save thyself." Did He do it? Of course not.

xxxxxxx Not we see many people coming to Christ and xxxxx taking His as their Saviour and then in a little while coming down and quitting when trials and temptations beset them on all sides. It is the human thing to do to come down. But it is the Divine thing to hang there. It is the human thing to run from our troubles and problems, but it is the continual plodding along step by step that the Saviour requires of us. (poor God hath not promised). Let us lay hold of the things that God has promised. Let us step out and join "The Plodathon" being carried on by God's children each day. Let us each note certain that we can echo the words of Job's steadfast servant Job, "My foot hath held his steps, his way have I kept, and not declined."

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 5, 1976
THE REV. RALPH C. LINK, PASTOR
MRS. KIRSTY FEDER, GUEST ORGANIST
MR. RALPH COOPER, CHOIR DIRECTOR
MARCIA MCBRIDE, JEFF CAMPBELL - ACOLYTES

ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE: "HEAR MY PRAYER" CHOPIN
PLEASE REMAIN SILENT DURING ORGAN CHIMES
*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 65 "THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD"
*ASCRIPTION - CHORAL AMEN
*EXHORTATION
*CONFESSION (UNISON) "O LORD, WHOSE WAY IS PERFECT, HELP US; WE PRAY THEE, ALWAYS TO TRUST IN THY GOODNESS; THAT, WALKING WITH THEE AND FOLLOWING THEE IN ALL SIMPLICITY, WE MAY POSSESS QUIET AND CONTENTED MINDS, AND MAY CAST ALL OUR CARE UPON THEE, FOR THOU CAREST FOR US; FOR THE SAKE OF JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN."
*KYRIE (CHOIR, CONGREGATION AND PASTOR)
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON - CHORAL AMEN
*PRAISE
*PASTOR: "O LORD OPEN OUR LIPS."
*PEOPLE: AND OUR MOUTH SHALL SHOW FORTH THY PRAISE
*DOXOLOGY No. 551
SCRIPTURE: DANIEL 6: 1-9
HYMN No. 387 "THE VOICE OF GOD IS CALLING"
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)
*GLORIA PATRI
CALL TO PRAYER
PASTOR: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.
PEOPLE: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.
PASTOR: LET US PRAY.
PRAYER AND PRAYER RESPONSE
OFFERING
OFFERTORY: "TO A WILD ROSE" MACDOWELL
VON MALONEY
SOLO:
SERMON: "NO SLIDES, SLIPS, OR ERRORS"
PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER
HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 355 "GO, LABOR ON; SPEND, AND BE SPENT"

*BENEDICTION AND THREE FOLD AMEN
ORGAN POSTLUDE

*CONGREGATION STANDING - - - - -
THE LOVELY FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN PLACED BY WILLIAM AND HELEN HOCKENBERRY IN MEMORY OF "LOVED ONES"
SERVING AS USHERS TODAY ARE: *ALLEN BOTACCHI, JOHN REDMAN, DAN BOSKO, ROBERT KNAUER AND CHARLES PENAR.
DEACON AND MRS. CHARLES PENAR WILL BE AT THE DOOR TODAY TO GREET THE CONGREGATION AND VISITORS.
THE ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY WAS 161.
NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED TODAY BY: VICKIE HOLT, LUDY SNYDER AND LAUREL STAUFFER.
TONIGHT - 7:00 - YOUTH FELLOWSHIP MEETING
HOSPITALIZED: MRS. EMMA HEGINBOTHAM AND MRS. EVELYN SHAKELY, - ~~Room 257~~ - HOME
"MEALS ON WHEELS" WOULD LIKE TO HAVE VOLUNTEERS FOR A VERY WORTHWHILE PROJECT. IF YOU CAN HELP OUT PICK UP ONE OF THE REGISTRATION FORMS IN THE NARTHEX. SOUP AND SALAD DAY WILL BE HERE BEFORE LONG - DID YOU READ YOUR NEWSLETTER? VEGETABLES ARE NEEDED AND NOW IS THE TIME TO CALL MRS. EARL WOGAN IF YOU CAN HELP SUPPLYING VEGETABLES.
THE "DESIGN FOR SUCCESSFUL LIVING SEMINAR" OCT. 4-9 WILL BE HELD NORTH HILLS ALLIANCE CHURCH, PITTS. PA. PREREGISTRATION IS \$15. THRU SEPT. 15TH AND AFTER THAT DATE IT WILL BE \$20.00. CONTACT PAUL PRABE, HOWARD BOLAM OR THE PASTOR. REGISTRATION FORMS ARE IN THE OFFICE.
WOMEN'S RETREAT OF PW CONF. WILL BE HELD AT CAMP LIVING WATERS: CHOOSE ONE SEPT. 23 AND 24 OR 25 AND 26. REGISTRATIONS ARE NECESSARY. (SEE NEWSLETTER)
SEPT. 26 - CONGREGATIONAL DINNER - 5:30 AND SPECIAL MEETING AFTERWARDS IN THE SANCTUARY AT 7:00 P.M.
YOU ARE URGED TO ATTEND THE MEETING EVEN IF YOU CAN NOT ATTEND THE DINNER - WHICH WILL BE THIRTEEN STYLE.
WE HOPE YOU HAVE A NICE LABOR DAY WEEK-END.
NEXT SUNDAY IS PROMOTION DAY IN CHURCH SCHOOL.
NEXT SUNDAY BOTH CONFIRMATION CLASSES WILL BEGIN.
IF YOU HAVE A YOUTH 12 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER OR HE OR SHE IS GOING INTO THE 7TH GRADE - SIGN THEM UP IN THE OFFICE NOW.

"The Bible, Bible, or Bible"

Text: Daniel 5:4

Source: Daniel 5:1-9

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"... Daniel, 11:1, 12:1-2"

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... Daniel 11:1-2

... is described as laborer. ...
... it is the ... labor day and ...
... is to be ... our concentration ... about
... and its different aspects. ... this is ... the time for
... to work. ... is any event and ... with the theme for the
... I would like to direct our ... to a biblical character who set forth
... an ideal for us to follow.

I am sure many of us are familiar with baseball language and know that follow-
ing the completion of a turn at bat for a team, the results are recorded as
runs, hits, and errors. The announcer of a game will intone, "No runs, no
hits, and no errors," or whatever the case may be. "No runs, no hits, and
no errors," over a nine inning period would mean that a pitcher pitched a perfect
game, and ... This is the ultimate as far as baseball is concerned.
Thinking along these lines, I would like to have us direct our ... to
... as the ultimate as far as work or labor goes. ... for
... is ... "No ... , ... , ... "

Daniel was a Jew. His name interpreted means, "God is my judge." He was
captured in his youth and taken to Babylon, in the first deportation of King
Nebuchadnezzar. It comes out in the early portions of this book that Daniel
possessed great wisdom and because of this he was elevated to a position of
honor in the kingdom. Daniel and several of his friends enjoyed a freedom
in Babylon which became the envy of some of the local people. As a result
Daniel and his friends began to suffer persecution at the hands of the Babylon-
ians. ... essence, the book of Daniel is an example of loyalty and ...
to God, and courage in the face of persecution.

... our ... opens this ... we learn that Daniel has been a ...

servant of God all of his life. He is here even in his trials and his sorrows. He can find no fault in his loyalty. And so it is that when a new ruler comes to the throne, that he not only resigns the kingdom with princes, but he resigns 7 presidents over those princes, and Daniel is in his place. It is to Daniel that the others are to be accountable. It was because Daniel was favored over all the rest that envy and jealousy reared their ugly heads, and the other presidents and princes began to plot against Daniel. And it is at this time that we find our great trial of our Daniel really was. We read: Dan. 6:16. So it is that Daniel proves to be the perfect example of a worker.

Now the other presidents and the princes came to the realization that the only way to overcome Daniel is to work against him in his conscience. They go to the king and have him decree that he is not to be heard of in his work. This is where we find the law of Scripture because the rest of the story relates the following of the Lord God and what his punishment is for doing this.

I want to direct our attention to the 3 things which were Daniel stood for in his work. We read that his enemies got together to find something upon which to have him overthrown as the favorite. They found 3 areas in which they could not touch him. They were: "No occasion, No Faults, No errors." "No Slips, No Lapses, No Errors."

Let us look at these and see what is meant by these words. First, his enemies could find "No occasion" against him. This meant that as they searched to have him disgraced they could find no "sliding" in his work. He was faithful in all that he did. Whatever the task given to him whether it was interesting or boring, he did it to the best of his ability. Whether he liked it or not, he did it well. Now many of our American workers whether they work in a plant or office or as housewives are hated by their work? Now many of them meet Monday morning as merely the first day of the week, and everything is done in a slipshod manner and in the work done there is the "sliding" of the employee through

that day. We are well not to get an automobile which has been manufactured since the Monday we are living. We should have it for as long as we can. However, now the weekend and they let your access and tolls and make slide by without knowing that. After all it is Blue Monday.

There was a commentator who was on a radio this time who happened to be in the city on Monday. He would always say that he was going to get to the city on Monday. As a result of this sort of attitude a lot of people are not so happy with the city. They are not so happy to be there with joy and as a result when all around you are people complaining because it is Monday! And why do they complain? Well, because they overdid it on Sunday in eating and drinking and recreation. There is no such thing as a Blue Monday, or a Red Monday. Monday is another of God's wonderful days given to us to live in and enjoy. A blessing that we are able to be about the work He has given to each of us. If we would approach Monday as we approach Friday, ~~xxxxxx~~ the end of the week and the end of life would not be so bad. At least we would not become frustrated and angry as we are ~~xxxxx~~ as a result of this attitude which we have now.

The next worst thing the enemies of Israel could do was to say "Hillel." They could not find any "Hillel" in his work. He did what he was to do and he did not let anything stop him. Now many people can truthfully say that. The secret of Hillel is that he is today and today is to do only what you have to do and if you can do your things all by yourself today, you are really being a great blessing. That's good enough, if you do it any better the boss will expect that all the time.

Let you and we can apply this not only to our worldly lives, but to our religious lives as well. "I don't feel like going to church this morning, and besides, he will miss me," "I only feel like giving \$5 a week to church this year because I ~~xxx~~ have to pay off my boat. ~~xxxx~~ But what are we trying to tell? Can we give to church to get by and not have our boss know it? Do we think that our employer is the only one we are trying to please? Regardless of what we do, God is still witness to our actions and our hearts. We can feel that we are ~~xxx~~ only

either be in this or that and let some thing be, but we must do it and leave it as we cannot feel this.

The third thing about Daniel was that they could not find any "error" in his work. Couldn't it be great if people could say this about us? To have someone say, "What gives him any job and you will know it will be done right," to me is the epitome of compliments. I have heard it said of some people, but very few. Most of the time I hear complaints about people's work and I am sure you do too. But again the real problem lies in the fact of how people approach their work. If they are doing something they dislike and detest, they cannot do the job right. That is why it is imperative that we seek what God wants us to do for a living. To search and what you were this determination, without seeing and what we want to do. This must be determined by looking at our hearts and lives. We need to improve this upon our children from little on.

And as in the other cases of life we have some friends from the past who want to tell us. We determine what we want to do and then we go on. The Bible is a guide and all of life looks like a road, we have to choose a course but ourselves. (Illustration of a road and the Bible) (Rev. 1:1)

For those who it seems to be of God. It is a good thing to have some friends and it would be the day and happiness that should be evident in the lives of everyone. My heart is resolved right now to go to God and to do it to the very best of our ability. And when that our any proof-033 whenever he or she may be comes up to us and accuses us of being the best's set because we are doing the work we should do, just smile and tell them that God told us to do this. Let's resolve today to go that classroom on Thursday and do the best job we possibly can. This is what God wants from us and anything less means that we are cheating him. We can get by with "Sliding, Blipping and getting by" in our employment whether it be in the plant, or office, or mill, or whether it be in school, or working fishes and cleaning house. And we see get feeling anyone but ourselves. God knows our hearts and he wants us to give 100% because whatever we do, it should be done as if we were doing for him.

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 22, 1976

Organ Prelude
*Processional Hymn (See Hymn Book) 190
*Solemn Declaration
*Response
*Invocation

*Call to Confession
*Unison Prayer of Confession Page 4
*Assurance of Pardon
Responsive Reading #4-58
Scripture Readings - Hebrews 9
*Gloria Patri
*Apostles' Creed
Pastoral Prayer
Congregational Prayer Response #5.1

Special Music-Senior Choir
Pastor's Comments
Offertory
Prayer of Dedication and The Lord's Prayer
*Hymn 338
Communion Meditation
The Communion
Exhortation
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Communion Prayer
Serenade Hymn #522
Prayer and Words of Institution
Invitation
Distribution of the Elements

The Blessing
Prayer of Dedication

*Doxology
*Benediction and Three-Fold Amen

We invite all those who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and have been baptized into His Church to share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

The Service today uses the Alternate Order for Communion found on page 32 of the Hymnal. We ask that you hold the elements until all have been served so that we may commune as one body.

We welcome the Rev. Ralph Link to our pulpit today. May God bless him and his family in their ministry.

Today's Bulletins are given to the Glory of God by Alice M^{rs} Laughlin.

The flowers on the Altar at Salem are presented to the Glory of God by Alice Webb.

St. John's Women's Guild will meet on Tuesday September 14 at 1:30 in the Church.

Salem Senior Choir Practice-Wednesday-7:30 P.M.

Salem Ladies' Aid-Thursday-10:00 A.M.

R.F.M. Class-Saturday-6:30 P.M.

"You never heard of Jesus worrying about moving people out of the slums. He walked the squalid streets from end to end, getting the slums out of the people."

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA
 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 19, 1976
 THE REV. RALPH C. LINK, PASTOR
 MRS. KAY MORRIS, ORGANIST
 MR. RALPH COOPER, CHOIR DIRECTOR
 LORI ZAVACKY, JEFF HOCKENBERRY - ACOLYTES

ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE: "WE PRAY NOW TO THE HOLY GHOST" BUXTEHUDE
 *PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 30 "COME, WE WHO LOVE THE LORD"
 *ACRISPION - CHORAL AMEN
 *EXHORTATION
 *CONFESSION (UNISON) "HAVE MERCY UPON US, O GOD, ACCORDING TO THY LOVING-KINDNESS; ACCORDING TO THE MULTITUDE OF THY TENDER MERCIES BLOT OUT OUR TRANSGRESSIONS, AND OUR SIN IS EVER BEFORE US. PURGE US AND WE SHALL BE CLEAN; WASH US AND WE SHALL BE WHITER THAN SNOW. CREATE IN US CLEAN HEARTS, O GOD, AND RENEW A RIGHT SPIRIT WITHIN US. CAST US NOT AWAY FROM THY PRESENCE, AND TAKE NOT THY HOLY SPIRIT FROM US. AMEN."
 *KYRIE (CHOIR, CONGREGATION AND PASTOR)
 *ASSURANCE OF PARDON - CHORAL AMEN
 *PRAISE
 *PASTOR: 'O LORD OPEN OUR LIPS.
 *PEOPLE: AND OUR MOUTH SHALL SHOW FORTH THY PRAISE
 *DOXOLOGY No. 551
 SCRIPTURE: JUDGES 6: 11-24
 HYMN No. 262 "TEACH ME, O LORD, THY HOLY WAY"
 *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)
 *GLORIA PATRI
 CALL TO PRAYER
 PASTOR: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.
 PEOPLE: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.
 PASTOR: LET US PRAY.
 PRAYER AND PRAYER RESPONSE
 OFFERING
 OFFERTORY: "MODERATO" FUHRER
 INSTALLATION (OFFICERS OF WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP) SARAH SNOW,
 PHYLLIS TAIT, KAREN VENSEL, LULU PENAR, PEG NAZARUK
 ANYHEM "GOD SO LOVED THE WORD" STAINER
 *PRMON: "THE UPPER CLASS" I. PREP

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 466 "HE LEADETH ME"
 ORGAN POSTLUDE "POSTLUDE IN C" PINEK
 - - - - - "CONGREGATION STANDING" - - - - -
 THE LOVELY FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN PLACED BY
 MR. & MRS. RALPH TAIT IN MEMORY OF "LOVED ONES"
 SERVING AS USHERS TODAY ARE: *ROBBIE VINROE, BOB
 DELLEN, BRIAN PFABE AND STEVE SMITH.
 MR. & MRS. WILLIAM THOMPSON WILL BE THE GREETERS AT
 THE DOOR TODAY.
 NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED TODAY BY: LIZ ARMSTRONG,
 LINDA SHEPPECK AND KAREN KENNEY.
 TODAY - 2:30 - SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION AT ST. JOHN'S
 UCC - 5 DIFFERENT CLASSES OFFERED - SEE BULLETIN BOARD.
 *TONIGHT - 7:00 P.M. - DAVE GALIBIN WILL PRESENT A
 CONCERT OF SPIRITUAL MUSIC - THIS WILL BE OPEN TO THE
 ENTIRE CONGREGATION - LET'S FILL UP THE CHURCH.
 MONDAY - 7:00 - BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING.
 THE YOUNG ADULTS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS IS STARTING ITS
 NEW FALL LINE UP. WE CORDIALLY INVITE THOSE BETWEEN
 18 AND 30 TO JOIN IN AND START THE NEW SEASON OUT
 RIGHT.
 *BAPTISM WILL BE NEXT SUNDAY - LET US KNOW IN THE OFFICE.
 HOSPITALIZED: MRS. EMMA HEGINBOTHAM - BOMH,
 EARL WOGAN - BUFFALO CLINIC. - *Flora McWilliams Davenport*
 *A FILM OF THE SEMINAR "DESIGN FOR SUCCESSFUL LIVING"
 WILL BE SHOWN ON THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 23 AT 7:00 P.M.
 BIBLE STUDY WILL FOLLOW. EVERYONE IS INVITED TO
 EITHER OR BOTH.
 THE VINROE'S AND THE HEATON'S WISH TO THANK EVERYONE
 FOR THEIR ACT OF KINDNESS SHOW DURING THEIR BORROW
 IN THE LOSS OF THEIR FATHER AND STEP MOTHER.
 MONDAY - 7:30 - FIDELITY BIBLE CLASS.
 WEDNESDAY - 6:00 - GOLDEN CIRCLE - SMOGASBOARD AND
 FARMERS MARKET.
 *NEXT SUNDAY - 5:30 - CONGREGATIONAL DINNER (TUESDAY)
 AND MEETING AT 7:00. IF YOU CANNOT BE HERE FOR THE
 DINNER - PLEASE PLAN TO BE HERE FOR THE SPECIAL
 MEETING. DID YOU READ YOUR LETTER THAT YOU RECEIVED
 THIS WEEK?

*THE VIETNAMESE FAMILY ARE IN NEED OF A REFRIGERATOR,
 STOVE, DAVENPORT, DOUBLE AND SINGLE BEDS, CHAIRS, ETC.
 BY THE 1ST OF OCTOBER - LET US KNOW IN THE OFF.

*MC (MRS. CHARLES) McWILLIAMS 1744 - FIDELITY
 ANNIVERSARY TODAY*

1. 202

Date: July 7, 6:15, [REDACTED]

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and I am sure it is good.

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want access 2 sub it, no intel files or documents

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" " 2 disturb you.

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2400, 2400, 2400, 2400, 2400 (or call me).

great summer this year, liv suit this week

page 2 ending - e still say, and

"The Teacher Lesson"
1. Lesson

Text: Judges 6:16, "And the Lord said unto Gideon, 'I am with thee, and thou shalt be victorious over the Midianites.'"

Scripture: Judges 6:11-24

(Illustration of how Gideon going to school, and coming from school, but not liking the time in between.)

Where at this time of the year when we are thinking in terms of school and ~~know~~ all of the implications of it, it would be appropriate to think in terms of God conducting a school for His people. Probably most of us have never given too much thought to this, but God has indeed had educational courses for many of His people, and has given the evidence of this for all the world to see and take as an example. Today's Scripture lesson is a case in point, and I believe that we are dealing with a subject much too large to cover in one lesson; so we will have the concluding message on this subject next week. Dividing this in two parts, I have selected this week to speak on how God deals with the basics, and then next week ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ to deal with our response once we have gone through God's "Upper Class."

Turning to our Scripture for this morning I believe that we need to take a close look at a man named Gideon. Gideon, whose name interpreted means, "The conqueror, the slayer, or, 'one who cuts off the head,'" was a son of Manasse identified as "The Abiezrite," which was a family of ^{the tribe} Manasse. This event recorded evidently took place when Gideon was a fairly young man. The Midianites and the Amalekites had overrun Israel with out direct permission for their sin and turning against God. The Midianites and the Amalekites would raid, and the people who would come in and take the crops they would not sow, and would destroy the harvest. These raiders were the first ones to appear as camel riders. The use of camels permitted them to come ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ as far as a distance as 200 miles and return again, which they were unable to do with horses. And so it was that the Israelites were plagued by these people. Gideon was cloistered in a wine press in order to remain hidden from the raiders if they should come, and he was threshing his father's wheat when an angel of the Lord appeared at that wine press which was situated by a sacred oak in Ephraim.

Now although the angel is identified as ^{the} an angel of the Lord, it turns out in chapter 19 that he is the Lord himself. The angel speaks to Hideo with the assurance that the Lord was with him, and Hideo is identified as a witness of truth even though we have no evidence that he was ever involved in any battles up to this point. Immediately Hideo begins to communicate with the Lord for the fact that if the Lord was with him, he was bound his father and all of the elders' recounting, "where has he been while all of these evil things have been taking place?"

Hideo gives evidence here that he not only has a knowledge of past events in the lives of the Israelites, but his attention about them and their history is critical to note. And we would say that Hideo had passed from the elementary schooling and was ready for more advanced education. In some areas we have special schools which are a prelude to college, and which prepare young people to go on to advanced education beyond high school, and we call these schools, "prep schools." Hideo was ready for the "prep" education and was about to enter this to him.

In verse 14, we see that the Lord is identified, and Hideo is told that he will save Israel from the Midianites. But as was the usual custom of people selected by God to perform great tasks, Hideo begins to make excuses. He tells the Lord he comes from a poor family and that he is the least in his father's house. Perhaps he meant that he was the youngest, for in this sense the youngest was not looked upon as being as valuable as the eldest or next to the eldest. But the Lord answers, "Surely, I will be with thee." The Lord is stressing that there will be no doubt what he will do through Hideo.

It is at this point that Hideo asks for the sign of the sign he needed to assure him that this entire affair was for real. He probably did not quite believe that he was selected to be entrusted with this great work, and he wanted a sign. But being a very cautious Jew and in particular, it was not polite to let a guest come into his midst without showing him the hospitality customary to be shown. At this point Hideo does not know that he is talking to God. He receives this assurance, but he is not yet, as a witness, not

Then God, at other prophecies and later has had them sent to other Israelites. So he goes to his tent and takes the gold, silver, and brass, and things that are out to the men. The men tell Aideon to carry the food upon the rock which he lost, and then the Lord touches the food with the staff He was carrying and the food is consumed in fire and the Lord disappears. It is then that Aideon knows he was in the presence of God, and he is afraid. He knows from his past education as a Jew that to see God meant death, much less not only see Him, but talk to Him. He falls on the ground and prays to God, and God speaks to him assuring him that he will not be slain. Aideon ~~XXXXXX~~ but he is then to God, dedicated to the service of this place where in he found the presence of God, for he names the altar, "Behold, O God," or, "God is peace," or, "the peace of God."

Now, Aideon has been through the "Pre-school" of God's "Upper Class," a school reserved for those who would follow the Lord. It is so called the same we have a tendency to put a story ~~XXXXXX~~ such as this down because it merely points out the goodness of one man. But there are applications we can derive from it, if we are willing to open our lives to God's message for us.

The first thing we observe in this incident is that ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ God's call is not ~~XXXXXX~~ extended to the educated, intellectual types with pre-conceived knowledge and ideas of life and the world. He calls the simple, the common, the ordinary. His purpose is that he can then begin the necessary education in their lives. It has been my experience that some of the most difficult people to deal with about God and Christianity, have been those who are highly educated. This is not a put down on education, but ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ I am merely pointing out that many people who are highly educated, or intellectual find it difficult to believe and accept something as simple as God's message of salvation through Jesus Christ. I think God's actions in Scripture in His selection of people is an indication that He wants the person to be willing to submit to what the Lord wants. He is not looking for intellectual arguments, or philosophical discourses, He just requires the individual to open his heart to Him and be willing to submit his life to His cause.

and this alone shows us that silence and not only being comforted by God
but being the chosen one to do God's work and will, but silence had to grow
in this education.

There is a domestic horticultural art that has been highly developed which
then alone properly permits an individual to permanently plant and breed.
We look at this type of acrobacy and we marvel that it can be done. We are
proud to realize that this is really marvelous. But if we were to attempt to
feed our children well and quickly and cure so they are at 1 or two years of
age, people would call us monsters or worse, and in all probability we would
be locked up for cruelty to children. But in essence this is what many of us
are doing and have been doing to ourselves for years. We come to God and we
become followers of His Son Jesus Christ and begin to attend church perhaps,
and that is it. No further growth or striving toward maturity. Just come to
church, participate in a little or much of worship as we care to; listen to
what the preacher has to say for the day and digest little or none of it; and
go home to live the next 3 days completely disinterested what we do for three days
from what we do on Sunday morning.

I was interested in hearing what my good friend John Bridges had to say about
what is a Christian. I think he covered the subject rather well. But I also
think he left out because of the lack of time some of the elements that also
go into the making of a Christian. Many of you have come to this church and
here and is the same here, and have heard innumerable sermons about how and
what is to be the Christian life, and realize deeply and still is distant.
I say this not because I want to cheer you, but to let you know of your con-
dition. ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Now many of you can tentatively say that you have read the
entire Bible through once cover to cover? You have been urged to do so since
I have come here. Let some of you are faint that I have the nerve to ask
you to bring your Bible to church. My wife says is some kind of a religious
test. And as a result some of you still do not and will not bring your Bible
just to prove to me that you could care less what I advocate for your spiritual
growth.

Now some of you can honestly and lawfully say that you have accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour and that He lives in your heart and life and you live for Him? Let some of you have gotten angry for my suggesting that this is necessary for a person to be a true Christian. Now, I can do that in the privacy of my home and I do not need to parade it around in front of others at all. Let's. Let church members will make all sorts of public commitments to lodges and fraternal organizations with no qualms whatsoever.

Now many of you can honestly say that you have gone out of your way to meet and talk with some people in this congregation whom you have never known to before? Now many of you can say that you have tried to be as friendly and un-cliché as you should and make everyone welcome? Let some of you have gotten uptight when I have asked you to meet some neighbors and you say that I am trying to make a fake out of a very real and serious thing, which is what you believe would be to be.

... (Description of what there were some improvement to get out of mental institution). This is what has happened to each of us --- improvement! We haven't come in to start over in the same old way and where we were, year after year. We want to be new. When we begin start out as new Christians, we are babies and we begin by getting with. When we begin to grow, we must be get with and learn to live. This growth would take place in Bible reading, in learning to pray, in speaking to others about our faith, and in showing that we believe to live by the joy on our faces and in our lives at work and in the world. God has given this free course to everyone of us here this morning. There is not a one of you I do not believe who has not heard the complete message of what God desires from us. Now that we have had the free course from God's "great love," isn't it about time that we moved on? Let's and we are going to deal with "redemption" and what comes after it. Now in the meantime, if you will are not into God's word, pick it up today, or tomorrow or the next day and begin to read it through. Again if you are not into praying at night or at bedtime, or getting up in the morning, begin today. If you don't know whether you believe in Christ or not is a part of your life, a part of your

and said that. Jimmy told me that I will be happy to meet him some day at
the . All that it takes is that we should be there to know the source of
our lives and to be. But I am not ready to meet him in the world.
Jimmy told me to meet him in the world, so he is waiting for me to say, "Jimmy, I
will be with you."

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 26, 1976

THE REV. RALPH C. LINK, PASTOR
MRS. KAY MORRIS, ORGANIST
MRS. CYNDIE SYBERT, YOUTH - CHOIR DIRECTOR
LORI ZAVACKY, JEFF HOCKENBERRY - ACOLYTES

ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE: "LORD LOUDOUN'S MARCH" WILLIAMSBURG MUSIC

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 31 "FATHER, AGAIN IN JESUS' NAME"

*ASCRIPTION - CHORAL AMEN

*EXHORTATION

*CONFESSION (UNISON) "O MOST LOVING FATHER, WHO WILLEST US TO GIVE THANKS FOR ALL THINGS, TO DREAD NOTHING BUT THE LOSS OF THEE, AND TO CAST ALL OUR CARE ON THEE, WHO CAREST FOR US; PRESERVE US FROM FAITHLESS FEARS AND WORLDLY ANXIETIES, AND GRANT THAT NO CLOUDS OF THIS MORTAL LIFE MAY HIDE US FROM THE LIGHT OF THAT LOVE WHICH IS IMMORTAL, AND WHICH THOU HAST MANIFESTED UNTO US IN THY SON JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN."

*KYRIE (CHOIR, CONGREGATION AND PASTOR)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON - CHORAL AMEN

*PRAISE

*PASTOR: O LORD OPEN OUR LIPS.

*PEOPLE: AND OUR MOUTH SHALL SHOW FORTH THY PRAISE

*DOXOLOGY No. 551

SCRIPTURE: JUDGES 6: 33-40

HYMN No. 461 "SAVIOUR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)

*GLORIA PATRI

CALL TO PRAYER

PASTOR: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

PEOPLE: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.

PASTOR: LET US PRAY.

PRAYER AND PRAYER RESPONSE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "TRUMPET MARCH" WILLIAMSBURG MUSIC

BAPTISM

ANTHEM: "YOU'LL NEVER WALK ALONE" ROGERS & HAMMERSTEIN

SERMON: "THE UPPER CLASS" 2. GRADUATION

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 286 "WHO IS ON THE LORD'S SIDE?"
ORGAN POSTLUDE "MINUET" WILLIAMSBURG MUSIC

----- *CONGREGATION STANDING -----

THE LOVELY FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN PLACED BY FLORENCE MACKINNEY IN LOVING MEMORY OF HER "MOTHER" - MRS. E. M. PERRIN.

SERVING AS USHERS TODAY ARE: *MARLENE RIEMER, LIZ ARMSTRONG

SHIRLEY RIEMER AND JUDY FERREE. ELDER AND MRS. CHET STAUFFER WILL BE THE GREETERS AT THE DOOR TODAY.

NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED TODAY BY: PAULINE FENCIL, SANDY

SHEPPECK AND MARCI SHEPPECK.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY WAS 210.

> TONIGHT - 5:30 P.M. - CONGREGATIONAL DINNER - PLEASE BRING TURKEYS ENOUGH TO COMPENSATE FOR YOUR FAMILY. BEVERAGE AND ICECREAM WILL BE FURNISHED. AT 7:00 P.M. A SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING IS CALLED FOR THE SANCTUARY. PLEASE PLAN TO BE HERE FOR THE MEETING - NOW IS THE TIME TO ASK QUESTIONS NOT NEXT WEEK. YOU AS A MEMBER IS EXPECTED TO BE AT THE MEETING AT 7:00 EVEN IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND THE DINNER.

> TUESDAY - 7:30 - BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

> THURSDAY - 7:00 - BIBLE STUDY OPEN TO THE CONGREGATION AND FRIENDS. *REVELATION.*

SOUP AND SALAD DAY - TUESDAY - OCT. 12TH. TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP. THE ITEMS FROM THE BAZAAR TABLE ARE ALWAYS INTERESTING TO THOSE WHO ATTEND. HAVE YOU MADE YOUR ITEMS OR HANDICRAFT YET? BAKED GOODS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

> KAY MORRIS, OUR ORGANIST, WILL PLAY A SHORT RECITAL AT ST. MARKS LUTHERAN CHURCH ON JEFFERSON STREET AT 8:00 P.M. TUESDAY, SPONSORED BY THE TUESDAY MUSICAL CHURCH. THE PUBLIC IS INVITED.

> OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. & MRS. PAUL RIEMER WHO WILL CELEBRATE THEIR 25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY TOMORROW. *August 2-3* - WE NEED SOME HELP IN GETTING UP TABLES IN THE UNDERCROFT AFTER THE SERVICE.

HOSPITALIZED: EARL WOGAN, ROSWELL CLINIC, MAIN HOSPITAL BLDG., #6528 WEST, BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14203.

MR. PAUL RITTER, MRS. EMMA HEGINBOTHAM - BCMH.

MRS. DORIS WILSON - *HOME* ARMSTRONG GEN.

ELEANOR McWILLIAMS

"Mr. Roger Wood - 2. Application"
Text: Volume 1:35-40

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(illness was introduced as pr.)

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Ish, watered. David White/Garcia,
Route 2 Mother Emma, road 4 rabbits.
Q: 23 23-11 from last week 4 spirit one upon his
father's wife.

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... we live as child, ... show us this
... "the creation" ... by 2

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(Illus. E. Robertson & G. Trahan)

then we'll hide it & let it do this & let
it do that in place faith & it will honor that
faith and trust with results we never dreamed of
& finally we, let not our country can do it, instead
let our country can do it country-people, because let not
can do it, but let it can do it

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Let us all pray as you for the 1 speaking 2 &
" " " how bold & if mean business & Lord, com-
mit all of his 2 in & then, rest in
speaking 2 our hearts this day.

1. *...*

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(Elaboration of another introduced factor)

So this is so true to what education and graduation are to produce. We know that when someone graduates he or she is to be equipped to perform certain skills or tasks. And so today we are going to examine Wilson's graduation and how he used it and applied it to his life.

If we still have space in the 30th chapter of Judges we will describe our journey
 to this region and our fight with Hushai the Gittite. 7:13- The Gittites
 and the Gathites and the other clans of the West who had joined with them,
 gathered at the valley of Jezreel. These were fierce, ~~xxxx~~ tough, hard
 fighting crack soldiers and they made the West difficult to conquer in. This valley
 was on the eastern end of the Lake of Genneseth which was a fertile and rich
 one, the granary. This valley received much water and so was lush and fertile
 as compared to other places in Palestine. It had also the valleys of the Jordan
 to the east and Samaria, and had numerous rivers running through it from the Gal-
 ilaean Sea and other areas. Thus it was a good place for planting and
 raising of herds and flocks to support.

7. The witness had been prepared to act as he thought fit in respect to him who was dead, that, "The spirit of the Lord," came upon him. He was literally possessed by God, and so he did what he was supposed to do under the circumstances; he raised the trumpet to announce the battle for battle. He read the message which was written under him. This was the well known of the battle of Marathon, of which Homer belonged. He felt concerned for the entire tribe of Israel, and so the witness, as an old Hebrew, and perhaps as some people to the Lord.

As it turns out, he does not do any more than fill out the Floods with. The point is to keep the Floods, which is not, and a certain amount of collection from it. He has not left the, the point is not to do it, but we must always that it is. Mr. Wilson and his staff to trust to his own advice and continue to completely abandon it this is not and request that Mr. Wilson, please that he is leaving and finishing Wilson in this adventure by doing the complete opposite. And that is to leave the Floods completely dry, while the day is all around the Floods.

He is not real in, but I am sure there were some native people in the tribe assembled with Wilson. I was late then saying, "I am sure Wilson the fiasco was not on the ground around it was dry. But do you know why?" A wind came ~~XXXX~~ up, just as the day was beginning to fall, and the day had already fallen to the fiasco, but the wind drove the rest of the day down into the valley. That's the only explanation. You sure are standing way out to believe that you are going to have a special sign like this." And so it was when he said, Wilson said that he is something that is very different from the other sign. And then he is saying that the fiasco is to be dry while all the rest of the day is to be wet. And so now that the fiasco is that the fiasco is to be dry, and the ground all around it is wet.

"I'm not a person's grandfather, for then it be true that you are also his grand-
father and he place his complete faith and trust in you. But because we live in
this century civilization around we want no more like of believing something as
simple as our fathers & right in this matter. Now, if we really believe him, we
should, we should be able to put him to the test. You see there and then let it
show itself. But we don't, and the reason we don't is because we just don't
have the power to do so, and that was to me let me see is because then, because
we have said to God in answer, "Not yet, or not up." And so we don't then have
... find out that we are spiritual coward at heart and just slipped off as
before something special and God doesn't do this anymore.

and the police say that I have paid about the same of it as I have. All the same, you have to wear the "T" club as a condition, and otherwise it is the same. You get the things that are sold for a price. In the case of the rest of Christian Association. In fact, "about 10 to 1500000," is a very large sum if you want to read a million, and a million more. It will cost you 100,000 and you can read and hear what you can and feel it with a very good knowledge.

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for this a person like Wilson said we must say that we do not operate as we
 does in the life of old Benjamin Wilson. But this is what I expect from
 each of us. I know that we are not being called upon to deliver our action from
 the risk surrounding us. Although I think we do need this sort of deliverance
 really. But that is calling us to make the decisions necessary for the building
 and saving of this organization. And he is asking us to place our complete
 faith and trust in him, knowing that when we do this, he will honor that faith
 with results that we never dreamed possible. I am sure that we are all aware of
 what we will be deciding tonight. I ~~xxxxxx~~ would not, nor will not tell any-
 one how they must vote. But I will tell you this. We need to place this sacred
 and sure in God's hands completely. We need to turn it over to him and let him
 tell us whether he wants us to make these moves or not. Instead of us deciding
 without his leading, let us be going to vote, let us instead ask him how we want
 to vote. Instead of us believing that we can only do this or that, let us
 ask him what he tells us we can do. This is the direction we all need to com-
 mune with ourselves by God. Let us take out our sinners, and then speak
 to him as if we lived. I am used Julie ~~BOOKING HALL~~ these words, "The Lord
 sometimes is great, that unless God intervenes it is hard to tell" Let us be
 guided in prayer. I want all of us to know our heads and alone the ones. I want

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA
 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST OCTOBER 3, 1976
 WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY
 THE REV. RALPH G. LINK, PASTOR
 MRS. KAY MORRIS, ORGANIST
 MR. RALPH COOPER, CHOIR DIRECTOR
 LORI ZAVACKY, TERRY MCCLIMANS - ACOLYTES

 ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.
 *PRELUDE: "O SACRED HEAD NOW WOUNDED" BURTEHUEDE
 *PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 7 "REJOICE, YE PURE IN HEART"
 *ACCOLYTE - CHORAL AMEN
 *CALL TO COMMUNION
 *PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON) ALMIGHTY GOD, MERCIFUL FATHER:
 I A POOR SINNER, ACKNOWLEDGE AND CONFESS MY MANIFOLD SINS,
 WHICH I FROM TIME TO TIME HAVE COMMITTED, BY THOUGHT, WORD,
 AND DEED, AGAINST THY DIVINE MAJESTY. I DO EARNESTLY RE-
 PENT, AND AM HEARTILY SORRY FOR THESE MY MISDOINGS; THE
 REMEMBRANCE OF THEM IS GRIEVOUS UNTO ME. I HAVE NO OTHER
 COMFORT OR HOPE THAN THY GRACE, WHICH ABUNDETH ABOVE MY
 GUILT, AND THE PRECIOUS MERITS OF MY LORD JESUS CHRIST.
 LONGING AFTER THIS GRACE, I SAY: FATHER, I HAVE SINNED
 AGAINST HEAVEN AND IN THY SIGHT, AND AM NO MORE WORTHY TO
 BE CALLED THY CHILD. GRANT UNTO ME PARDON AND PEACE, AND
 STRENGTH TO LEAD A NEW AND RIGHTEOUS LIFE, BY THE POWER OF
 THY HOLY SPIRIT, THROUGH THE SAME LORD AND SAVIOUR, JESUS
 CHRIST. AMEN.
 *KYRIE (CHOIR, CONGREGATION AND PASTOR)
 *ASSURANCE OF PARDON - CHORAL AMEN
 *PRAISE
 PASTOR: O LORD, OPEN OUR LIPS.
 PEOPLE: AND OUR MOUTH SHALL SHOW FORTH THY PRAISE.
 *GLORIA PATRI
 SCRIPTURE: 1 SAMUEL 13:1-13
 HYMN No. 335 "JESUS, THOU JOY OF LOVING HEARTS"
 OFFERING
 OFFERTORY: "O SACRED HEAD" K. IRNBERGER
 INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION OF DEACON ROBERT CELLEN
 ANTHEM: "FATHER ALMIGHTY" FRANK
 SERMON: "THE INGREDIENTS"
 COMMUNION HYMN No. 341 "HERE, O MY LORD"
 *THE COMMUNION - PAGE 33
 *EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER *INSTITUTION *AGNUS DEI
 THE COMMUNION (PLEASE RETAIN ELEMENTS UNTIL ALL SERVED)

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
 *DOXOLOGY
 *HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 338 "ACCORDING TO THY GRACIOUS WORD"
 *BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN
 *POSTLUDE "IN THEE LORD, HAVE I PUT MY TRUST" BACH
 *CONGREGATION STANDING
 THE LOVELY FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN PLACED BY THE GUY
 ARMSTRONG FAMILY IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES.
 NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED TODAY BY TOM AND JUCY MABBART AND
 JODIE MARTE.
 THE ELDERS AND DEACONS WILL SERVE AS USHERS TODAY.
 DEACONS, MR. AND MRS. ROBERT KNAUER WILL BE THE GREETERS AT
 THE DOOR THIS MORNING.
 TONIGHT: 7:00 P.M. YOUTH MEETING. ALL ELIGIBLE YOUNG PEOPLE
 ARE INVITED TO BE A PART OF THIS GROUP.
 MONDAY: OCTOBER 4, HOLY COMMUNION FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND
 TODAY.
 MONDAY: 7:30 MARY PRUGH CIRCLE MEETING
 WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 6, 7:30 P.M. REGULAR CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING.
 THURSDAY OCTOBER 7, 7:00 P.M. BIBLE STUDY. ANYONE MAY BE A PART
 OF THIS GROUP. COME AND JOIN US.
 FRIDAY OCTOBER 8, 6:30 A.M. BREAKFAST AND FELLOWSHIP FOR SINGLE
 CAREER ADULTS, (18 - 30), AT THE HOLIDAY INN. THIS IS SPONSORED
 BY THE COALITION FOR CHRISTIAN OUTREACH.
 IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PREPARE VEGETABLES FOR THE SOUP AND SALAD
 SUPPER, PLEASE COME TO THE KITCHEN ON MONDAY MORNING OCTOBER
 11, PREPARED TO "CUT-UP." YOUR HELP IS NEEDED.
 DON'T FORGET THE SOUP AND SALAD DAY TUESDAY OCTOBER 12.
 HOSPITALIZED: EARL MOGAN, ROYCELL CLINIC, BUFFALO,
 MRS. EMMA HELINGBOOTHAM, MRS. DEBBIE LOUGAN, MRS. BEA TAIT, BONH.

THERE WILL BE A TEACHERS TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR TEACHERS AND
 SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS ON TUESDAY OCTOBER 5M AT 7:30 P.M. AT
 THE COMMUNITY ALLIANCE CHURCH MERCER ROAD. THIS IS SPONSORED
 BY THE CHRISTIAN BOOK AND GIFT SHOP.

ADDC. PLAN COMM. 7:00 - NEXT SUNDAY

"The Ten Commandments"

Exodus 1:1-11:3

(The story of wife's sake etc)

Exodus 1:1-11:3, also the 10, 11, etc
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Paul was such a man when he was first captured by Samuel to be the king of Israel. Paul had been out looking for the donkey or the asses as they are identified in the picture, which belonged to his father. Instead, and directly him to Samuel and Samuel to him to perform the necessary task of anointing him as king. As we read in our scripture, Samuel anoints Paul and then gives him directions which he was to follow and which would lead him to do the will of God for his life.

necessary immediately or so. But perhaps what we are striving to see is that at xxxix (as before at 100) years before the institution of the Lord's Supper by Jesus Christ Himself, the same ingredients were necessary to come before God.

The first ingredient was the "kid," which many times in Scripture referred to lambs and quite often to young goats. But in either event we can see that an innocent animal was offered as the sacrifice. Thus we have God using the kid as this worship as the sacrifice. Later, Jesus Christ became the substitute for the animal and offered his body and blood as the human sacrifice for sin. When it is significant to note that the ingredients instituted at the Lord's Supper of 100 years ago are also found here. We have not only dealing with a recollection of future events, but with the ingredients for communion with Himself God.

As we look at these ingredients we can trace through the history of the Church that God used each of these as symbols for us to note for ourselves.

The "kid" or "lamb" became the symbol of the animal slain for the salvation of mankind. When Abraham told Isaac that he was going for the sacrifice and called him to take, God revealed the way in the field of, or the animal for sacrifice. And when we do not see the sacrifices were to kill and pour its blood as their offering for the soul of man to receive the life of God. And for centuries the Israelites observed this by slaying the Passover Lamb and eating this meal together in remembrance.

Wheat is made from wheat and wheat has had a significance in all of the Jewish worship. For the Israelites and they were to observe a bread made without leaven. For their cereal offering in the Temple wheat was one of the ingredients brought before God. But if we look at xxx where wheat was to be ground and become the common bread as we know it, we understand that God is telling us something significant in this symbolism. Wheat must go through the rigors of winter, and then it must be harvested and separated from the chaff of the field which cannot be used. Then it is ground and leavened into flour, and then it must be mixed

other ingredients, and be subjected to the heat of fire before it can become what we call bread.

It is the same with wine or every juice. Grapes are cultivated and in order to increase the juice they must be pressed and squeezed. Thus, like wheat, grapes lose all semblance of their original form. And it is with God using the passion of the son of man and shed blood of Jesus Christ for the redemption of mankind. In every sense the sacrifice is made to become the salvation of the world. Our very life just as a child or lamb must give its life to be the sacrifice. We poured out his life blood and had his flesh torn on our behalf. They condemn our crucifixion this time by willing heads and hearts to the tribulation of this sacrifice.

Now we need to have more faith and trust in the sacrifice, for it is not belonging to any one of us, but belonging to all mankind. And all of this was done by the sacrifice of one person, the perfect Son of God, Jesus Christ.

(The salvation of Israel and vaccine for Yellow Fever)

This is because it was Jesus Christ who gave the vaccine.

There is this danger of which we must be careful at all times, we are now aware that there is a danger which Jesus Christ himself has warned us of. It is the danger of those who gain no benefit. It is through this danger that Christians must be able to have a power of healing.

(Illustration of the Lamb and the Lion's Den).

It is when we consider that ^{TRUTH} we are dealing with the Lion's Den. We must be aware of the fact that we too can feel in trouble we have gone at the point of the death of Jesus Christ. There may be believed that we are in, and suffer-
once, in the way we conduct ourselves. But the power of redemption which we gain is because in our faith in Jesus Christ is our own and victory. And we believe that through this sacrifice we shall have no more have to suffer as we do. Let us have the forgiveness of our sins, being this in remembrance of him. Please for the ingredients we need to have when we observe the Lamb's sacrifice.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA
 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST OCTOBER 10, 1976
 THE REV. RALPH C. LINK, PASTOR
 MRS. KAY MORRIS, ORGANIST
 MR. RALPH COOPER, CHOIR DIRECTOR
 KAREN PRABE, TERRY MCCLIMANS

ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE: "VOLUNTARY ON THE DOXOLOGY" PURCELL
 *PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 72 "NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD"
 *ACSCRIPTION - CHORAL AMEN
 *EXHORTATION
 *CONFESSION (UNISON) "O GOD, WHO MAKEST THYSELF KNOWN
 IN THE STILLNESS; LET US FEEL THY PRESENCE IN THIS
 SACRED PLACE; MAKE US TO BE OF THE COMPANY OF BRAVE
 SAINTS WHO HAVE WORSHIPPED HERE IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH;
 THROUGH THE VOICES OF MEN AND THE INSTRUMENTS OF PRAISE
 GIVE US TO LIFT OUR HEART TO THEE; AND SO, O LORD, PURIFY
 OUR LIVES THAT, GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD, WE MAY GO IN
 THY STRENGTH AND IN THY LOVE; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR
 LORD. AMEN."
 *KYRIE (CHOIR, CONGREGATION AND PASTOR)
 *ASSURANCE OF PARDON - CHORAL AMEN
 *PRAISE
 *PASTOR: O LORD OPEN OUR LIPS.
 *PEOPLE: AND OUR MOUTH SHALL SHOW FORTH THY PRAISE
 *DOXOLOGY No. 551
 SCRIPTURE: GENESIS 11:1-9
 HYMN No. 275 "O LOVE OF GOD MOST FULL"
 *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)
 *GLORIA PATRI
 CALL TO PRAYER
 PASTOR: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.
 PEOPLE: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.
 PASTOR: LET US PRAY.
 PRAYER AND PRAYER RESPONSE
 OFFERING
 OFFERTORY: "OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN" BACH
 SOLO: SUNG BY CYNDIE CYBERY
 SERMON: "UNITED CONFUSION: MAN'S ACTION"
 PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER
 HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 272 "LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING"

ORGAN POSTLUDE "BELL SYMPHONY" PURCELL

----- *CONGREGATION STANDING -----

THE LOVELY FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN PLACED BY
 THE HERBERT SHEARER FAMILY IN MEMORY OF "LOVED ONES"
 SERVING AS USHERS TODAY ARE: *WALLY FEDER, JOHN SNOW,
 MONT MACKINNEY, HERB SHEARER AND STEVE VARGO.
 THE LOVELY NEW LIVING FERNS ON THE ON THE SIDE OF THE
 LECTERN AND PULPIT ARE A GIFT FROM DONN E. MILLER IN
 LOVING MEMORY OF HIS "MOTHER" DOROTHY KALB MILLER.
 DEACON AND MRS. WILLIAM PFLUGH WILL BE THE GREETERS
 AT THE DOOR TODAY.
 NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED BY ART AND BETTY CARNEY AND
 NANCY LINK.

THE ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY WAS 235.

TUESDAY - SOUP AND SALAD DAY - LUNCH FROM 11:00 TO
 1:30 AND SUPPER FROM 5 TO 7. IF YOU DON'T HAVE
 A TICKET GET IN TOUCH WITH ANY OF THE WOMEN TODAY.
 JANE ARMSTRONG WILL HAVE CHARGE OF THE BAZAAR TABLE.
 SHE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOU BRING IN YOUR BAKED GOODS,
 CANDY, HANDWORK AND INTERESTING ITEMS - MONDAY
 AFTERNOON OR TUESDAY MORNING FOR NOON SALES.
 LADIES DON'T FORGET YOUR SALADS AND CAKES - HAVE THEM
 HERE EARLY.

LAKE ERIE ASSOC. MEETING OCT. 24, 3:00 P.M. TO 7:30 P.M.
 AT ST. PAUL'S U.C.C. ERIE. ANYONE DESIRING TO GO
 PLEASE CONTACT THE PASTOR. INSTEAD OF A BUSINESS
 MEETING THERE WILL BE 5 WORKSHOPS FOR WORKERS IN THE
 CHURCHES. THERE IS NO LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE
 WHO COULD ATTEND.

MR. & MRS. ROBERT KRAUER CELEBRATED THEIR 16TH
 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ON OCTOBER 8TH - CONGRATULATIONS.
 THE WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS ARE HOLDING A COMPLE-
 MENTARY DINNER AT THE CATHEDRAL IN NEW CASTLE, AT
 7:00 P.M. ON MONDAY OCT. 18. EVERYONE IS INVITED.

YOUTH MEETING TONIGHT AT 7:00 P.M. ALSO, A SIGN-UP
 SHEET IN THE OFFICE FOR THOSE GOING TO THE ALL NIGHT
 PARTY, FRIDAY OCT. 15 FROM 11-8. WE MUST KNOW HOW
 MANY ARE GOING, SO WE CAN BUY FOOD ACCORDINGLY. *EARL*

HOSPITALIZED: MRS. EMMA HEGINOTHAM -463; KATHRYN *WELAN*
 -BANCROFT -256 -BOMM. ELEANOR McWILLIAMS - ST. - *HANE*
 MARGARETS - PGM. *JIM STEWART - MAXI - RUTLER*
 YOU WILL NEVER KNOW HOW MUCH ANYONE COULD APPRECIATE
 CARDS, GET WELL WISHES, PRAYERS AND FLOWERS UNTIL
 YOU HAVE BEEN IN THAT POSITION YOURSELF. *THANKS SO*
 MUCH FOR CARING - BEA TAYL.

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Conclusion: Man's position

Text: Genesis 11:4, "And they said, 'Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower, and a name, that we may not be dispersed.'"

Text: Genesis 11:1-9

(Illustration of "Babel" (Babylon) (see Genesis 11:1-9))

(Illustration of word "Babel" (see Genesis 11:1-9))

This is a good example of trying to understand man's facts for a purpose. But there are some other things to be considered because some people are unable to convey to others the things they are trying to say. Some people are somewhat dumb, (some of all ages are born that way).

Just possibly I can quote a quotation by a minister of our denomination speaking at a church in White Plains New York, (note society and the individual).

This points up the fact that regardless of the age, we will always have those who will speak in ways which it is difficult to understand. We are reminded that this is so and I believe that it all goes back to the mention of Babel, sure as found in Genesis in the 11th chapter. We say that was the first time that man began to speak, but it is a story that continues to be repeated over and over again.

It is very hard to see and listen to an one who is unable to believe this event as it was much greater than the world in which we live today and place.

This story is not going to help us "Babel" in this world, but it does show us something about the "Babel" of this world.

Let us turn to this portion of scripture and look at this event in detail.

Text: Gen 11, one language, that was the one and the same for all men.

Gen. 11, it says that the tower was built in the land of Shinar, or Babel.

Gen. 11, God decided that since they had one language, he would make them speak different languages.

There is called "Babel" in the Bible and "Babel" in the Bible, Genesis. It was really a Babel, or Babel, or Babel. It was the Babel of the Bible which was also used to be the talking on the air before the flood.

that they were following a false religion. The tower of Babel was basically a religious structure. Two of the rules of such towers have been identified as the Spiritual Tower of Babel, but scientists cannot agree which is the real one. The old available maps locate and the place were recognized there. This would of course be the location in Babylon and still not proven, and offensive to God. They did not really see evidence that showing how this would be a religious service and to be observed and stated that to be involved in a "United Religion." They were happy in all of this, but they could not understand what was going on with themselves understood.

There are only two main phases. Nothing is essential here and every body, and every religion, the world is involved in a like situation. The big movement is now well toward a one world government. But from the standpoint of Christianity, there is and has been the movement underway to conglomerate all denominations into one large church. However we may view this, we need to understand that this is according to the word of God what is to take place in the latter days.

(Illustration of "What are you doing to be like me?"?)

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ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA
 NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST OCT. 17, 1976
 THE REV. RALPH C. LINK, PASTOR
 MRS. KAY MORRIS, ORGANIST
 MR. RALPH COOPER, CHOIR DIRECTOR
 ELLEN MASTER, RANDY DELLEN - ACOLYTES

 ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE: "JESU, JOY OF MAN'S DESIRING" BACH
 *PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 176 "CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS"
 *SCRIPSTION - CHORAL AMEN
 *EXHORTATION
 *CONFESSION (UNISON) "ALMIGHTY AND ETERNAL GOD, WHOSE
 LIGHT BOTH SHINE IN MORTAL DARKNESS; REVEAL UNTO US THY
 PRESENCE IN OUR SOULS, AND THY JUDGMENT OF ALL OUR ACTIONS,
 THOUGHTS, AND WORDS. MANIFEST THYSELF TO US IN THE MOVE-
 MENTS OF THIS PRESENT TIME. OPEN OUR EYES TO THY GLORY
 ALL AROUND US. THOU ART EVER COMING TO THY CHILDREN,
 COMING IN MANIFOLD WAYS; BY CHERISHING OUR SERIOUS AND
 REVERENT SPIRIT MAY WE PREPARE OURSELVES TO MEET OUR GOD,
 THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN."
 *KYRIE (CHOIR, CONGREGATION AND PASTOR)
 *ASSURANCE OF PARDON - CHORAL AMEN
 *PRAISE
 *PASTOR: "O LORD OPEN OUR LIPS,
 *PEOPLE: AND OUR MOUTH SHALL SHOW FORTH THY PRAISE
 *DOXOLOGY No. 551
 SCRIPTURE: GENESIS 1
 HYMN No. 228 "BEHOLD US, LORD"
 *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)
 *GLORIA PATRI
 CALL TO PRAYER
 PASTOR: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.
 PEOPLE: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.
 PASTOR: LET US PRAY.
 PRAYER AND PRAYER RESPONSE
 OFFERING
 OFFERTORY: "AUTUMNAL" JAMES
 ANTHEM: "GIVE TO OUR LORD IMMORTAL PRAISE" MALIN
 SERMON: "UNITED CONFUSION: GOD'S ANSWER"
 (GOD CREATED MAN IN HIS IMAGE AND SET FORTH HOW MAN IS
 TO LIVE THE THEME OF BOTH OF THESE SERVICES IS ABOUT

THE MODERN TREND TOWARD ONE WORLD GOVERNMENT IN ALL
 AREAS OF LIFE).

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 226 "DEAR LORD AND FATHER OF
 BENEDICTION AND THREE FOLD AMEN MANKIND"
 ORGAN POSTLUDE "ST. ANTHONY CHORALE" BRAHMS

----- *CONGREGATION STANDING -----

THE LOVELY FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN PLACED BY
 MR. & MRS. CHARLES FLEETTER IN MEMORY OF "LOVED ONES"
 SERVING AS USHERS TODAY ARE: *ROBBIE VINROE, BOB
 DELLEN, BRIAN PFABE, STEVE SMITH AND CHRIS PFABE.
 THE ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY WAS 175
 MRS. SARA STEPP WILL BE THE GREETER AT THE DOOR THIS
 MORNING.

NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED TODAY BY: JANE ANDREWS,
 BARB ANDREWS AND ROBIN KNAUER.

7 LAKE ERIE ASSOCIATION FALL MEETING WILL BE IN ST. PAUL'S
 U.C.C. CHURCH, ERIE, SUNDAY OCTOBER 24, 3:00 P.M.
 INSTEAD OF A REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING THERE WILL BE
 5 WORKSHOPS FOR CHURCH LEADERS.

1. CONSISTORY MEMBERS AND PRESIDENTS
2. EVANGELISM COMMITTEE PEOPLE.
3. PROPERTY COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS
4. NOMINATING COMMITTEE PEOPLE AND CHAIRMEN
5. ALTAR WORSHIP COMMITTEE PEOPLE.

7 HOSPITALIZED: LEWIS KRADEL, HOWARD BOLAM, JIMMY
 STEWART. EARL WOGAN - ROSWELL CLINIC.

TUESDAY - 7:30 - FIDELITY BIBLE CLASS MEETING AND
 WHITE ELEPHANT SALE.

THURSDAY - 10:00 - MARY MARTHA CIRCLE - WILL MEET AT
 THE CHURCH. WE WILL SPEND THE DAY AT MORRIS CAMP-
 LAND. OUR TRIP LAST MONTH WAS CANCELLED BECAUSE OF
 RAIN. EACH MEMBER WILL BRING HER OWN HOT DOGS AND
 A SMALL TUREN, SARA SNOW WILL FURNISH DESSERT AND
 BEVERAGE.

THURS. - 7:00 - BIBLE STUDY

THE YWCA IS REACTIVATING THE "ONE-TO-ONE" READING
 PROGRAM IN SEVERAL OF THE BUTLER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.
 MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED.

"BOTH WOMEN AND MEN, ARE NEEDED FOR THE YWCA "ONE-
 TO-ONE" READING PROGRAM. IF YOU CAN GIVE ONE HALF
 DAY EACH WEEK, CALL MRS. REINHOLD WEBER (287-2118)

YOUTH MEETING 7:00 PM. TO NIGHT
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Chapter 1: The Beginning

Genesis 1:1-2, "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said unto them, BE FRUITFUL AND MULTIPLY, and fill the earth."

Chapter 2

Genesis 2:1-4, "The Lord God said, 'It is not good that I should make man of the dust of the ground: he would be like one of the beasts.' So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he took of one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh there: upon which the Lord God made Adam."

Genesis 2:5-7, "The Lord God said, 'The man is not as I would make him: he is of the dust of the ground, and he is like one of the beasts.' So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he took of one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh there: upon which the Lord God made Adam."

Genesis 2:8-10, "The Lord God said, 'The man is not as I would make him: he is of the dust of the ground, and he is like one of the beasts.' So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he took of one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh there: upon which the Lord God made Adam."

Genesis 2:11-14, "The Lord God said, 'The man is not as I would make him: he is of the dust of the ground, and he is like one of the beasts.' So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he took of one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh there: upon which the Lord God made Adam."

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11. All of this is demonstrative and the people who propose all of this do not have
 12. a right to be heard at this time, and we must not let them be heard at this time.

Let the Devil struggle by and you will find that your life is made all the more precious by the sacrifice required for our redemption. This of course costs the death of Jesus, which is your benefit, and when we believe we become Father-sons in the family of God. All other people perish and are no more, but you are different as heaven has made provision for you to live eternally with God.

to be better than society or our environment for another we cannot be selfish. Jesus taught, "He that loveth his life shall lose it, and he that hateth his life shall preserve it." This brought us to the third point of Hall's answer to the "United Nations" of 1945, and that is, each person being responsible not only for the actions of his whole life but on earth. It means that we cannot evade the reward or penalty for what we do. Jeremiah said, "But every one shall die for his own iniquity." The prophet Isaiah said, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be his own, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be his own." "The soul that sinneth, it shall die."

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ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA
 TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST OCTOBER 24, 1976
 THE REV. RALPH C. LINK, PASTOR
 MRS. KAY MORRIS, ORGANIST
 MR. RALPH COOPER, CHOIR DIRECTOR
 ELLEN MASTER, RANDY DELLEN - ACOLYTES

 ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE: "NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD" ARR. BY WHITNEY
 *PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 184 "ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME"
 *ACCRPTION - CHORAL AMEN
 *EXHORTATION
 *CONFESSION (UNISON) "O LORD OUR GOD, WHO ART IN EVERY PLACE, FROM WHOM NO SPACE OR DISTANCE CAN EVER SEPERATE US, WE KNOW THAT THOSE WHO ARE ABSENT FROM EACH OTHER ARE PRESENT WITH THEE, AND WE THEREFORE PRAY THEE TO HAVE IN THY HOLY KEEPING THOSE DEAR ONES FROM WHOM WE ARE NOW SEPERATED, AND GRANT THAT BOTH THEY AND WE, BY DRAWING NEARER UNTO THEE, MAY BE DRAWN NEARER TO EACH OTHER, BOUND TOGETHER BY THE UNSEEN CHAIN OF THY LOVE, IN THE COMMUNION OF THY SPIRIT, AND IN THE HOLY FELLOWSHIP OF THY SAINTS. AMEN."
 *KYRIE (CHOIR, CONGREGATION AND PASTOR)
 *ASSURANCE OF PARDON - CHORAL AMEN
 *PRAISE
 *PASTOR: O LORD OPEN OUR LIPS.
 *PEOPLE: AND OUR MOUTH SHALL SHOW FORTH THY PRAISE
 *DOXOLOGY No. 551
 SCRIPTURE: 2 SAMUEL 14: 1-24
 HYMN No. 274 "JESUS, THE VERY THOUGHT OF THEE"
 *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)
 *GLORIA PATRI
 CALL TO PRAYER
 PASTOR: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.
 PEOPLE: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.
 PASTOR: LET US PRAY.
 PRAYER AND PRAYER RESPONSE
 OFFERING
 OFFERTORY: "VOLUNTARY IN E FLAT" RINGK
 HYMN: "ITS TIME TO PRAY, (WITH GUITAR, SAX AND PIANO)
 VERMON: "TRICK AND TREAT"
 PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 290 "STAND UP, STAND UP FOR JESUS"
 BENEDICTION AND THREE FOLD AMEN
 ORGAN POSTLUDE: "POSTLUDE IN G" CRAMER
 ----- *CONGREGATION SINGING -----
 THE LOVELY FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN PLACED BY MR. & MRS. ALLEN C. BOTACCHI IN MEMORY OF THEIR "PARENTS".
 SERVING AS USHERS TODAY ARE: *RICHARD MANGEL, DARYL TAIT, JOHN DREHER AND GARY PENAR.
 THE ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY WAS 199.
 DEACON AND MRS. ROBERT DELLEN WILL BE THE GREETERS AT THE DOOR TODAY.
 NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED TODAY BY: MARLENE RIEMER, MRS. ANN FALKNER AND LORI SHEARER.
 > LAKE ERIE ASSOC. FALL MEETING THIS AFTERNOON AT 3:00 AT ST. PAUL'S UCC CHURCH IN ERIE 5 WORKSHOPS OFFERED. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED CONTACT THE PASTOR.
 > NEXT SUNDAY (REFORMATION SUNDAY) WE WILL RECEIVE NEW MEMBERS - IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE INTERESTED IN COMING INTO OUR CHURCH - LET SOMEONE IN THE OFFICE KNOW NOW, OR PLACE A SLIP IN THE OFFERING PLATE.
 FRIDAY YOU WERE SENT YOUR PROPOSED BUDGET, LETTER AND COMMITMENT CARDS - PLEASE TAKE TIME AND READ IT.
 > HOSPITALIZED: EARL WOGAN, BUFFALO, LEWIS KRADEL-263, HELEN HOLLEFREUND #406, GERTRUDE DAVIS #532.
 WEDNESDAY - 7:30 - BIBLE STUDY WITH REV. LINK WILL BE ON THE AGENDA FOR THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE GOLDEN CIRCLE.
 THURS. - 7:00 - BIBLE STUDY IN THE UNDERCROFT (EVERY WEEK)
 (ABOUT THE ANTHEM) -THE CHOIR IS SINGING AN ANTHEM TODAY FROM "I LOVE AMERICA" CANTATA BY JOHN W. PETERSON. SEVERAL OTHER ANTHEMS WILL BE USED THIS FALL FROM THIS CANTATA FOR THE BICENTENNIAL.
 WE HAVE ORDERED A NEW WHITE ALTAR LINEN FOR THE ALTAR. THE OTHER ONE CANNOT BE WASHED AGAIN. IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THIS AS A MEMORIAL GIFT - PLEASE LET BEA KNOW IN THE OFFICE WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK OR SO. MEN AND WOMEN ARE NEEDED FOR THE YWCA "ONE-TO-ONE" READING PROGRAM. IF YOU CAN GIVE ONE HALF DAY EACH WEEK, CALL MRS. REINHOLD WEBER 287-2118.

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vs 12. Now the woman asks if she can ask him a question, and the king grants her permission to speak.

vs 13. Since she has set the stage and the very words of the king have convicted him so that he cannot do otherwise than what he has said should be done, the woman knows that what she now asks the king cannot cause her any harm. It is at vs 14. David says the woman should ask him what he has said, and then she asks him to pass the hypothetical position which is something like what David has said and then David responds, "You are known to me." This passage shows David that he is using the hypothetical case as a device for presenting his case to the king again.

vs 15. He recalls the king that life is a fleeting passing thing, and all men must die, and that will place for me the same case David has just presented to the king.

vs 16-17. In this case, the woman makes a little variation in asking what she has said before, he gives the king some advice that the king should do for her and she should be as good as if he will follow the king's advice.

vs 18-20. He says to the king that the king is the one who is passing judgment that the woman has been a great deal better than David has in the past years of his life, and he says that he will do the same thing that he has done in the past years of his life. He says that he will do the same thing that he has done in the past years of his life. He says that he will do the same thing that he has done in the past years of his life. He says that he will do the same thing that he has done in the past years of his life.

vs 21. The woman says that she is not willing with a guilty conscience to expect that the king will be passing judgment on her case. She says that she is not willing with a guilty conscience to expect that the king will be passing judgment on her case. She says that she is not willing with a guilty conscience to expect that the king will be passing judgment on her case.

vs 22. David calls David back and instructs him to bring David back into the palace.

vs 23. David has before the king and acknowledges that David is a great man in his kingdom with his sword and his bow, and his name is David.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA
 REFORMATION DAY OCTOBER 31, 1976
 THE REV. RALPH C. LINK, PASTOR
 MRS. KAY MORRIS, ORGANIST
 MRS. CYNDIE SYBERT, YOUTH CHOIR DIRECTOR
 ELLEN MASTER, RANDY DELLEN - ACOLYTES

ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE: "A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD" PRAETORIUS
 *PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 281 "A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD"
 *ASCRPTION - CHORAL AMEN
 *EXHORTATION
 *CONFESSION (UNISON) "O ALMIGHTY LORD AND HEAVENLY FATHER,
 WE BESSECH THEE TO GUIDE AND GOVERN THE MINDS OF THY
 PEOPLE IN WISDOM, SINCERITY, AND JUDGMENT; THAT BEING
 CALLED UPON TO ELECT JUST LEGISLATORS AND FAITHFUL
 COUNCILLORS, WE MAY UNDERSTAND BOTH THE SACREDNESS OF
 THE TRUST WHICH THY PROVIDENCE COMMITS TO EACH OF US,
 AND ALSO THE GREATNESS OF THE INTERESTS WHICH THEREON
 DEPEND. TO THEE, O LORD, WE COMMEND THIS WHOLE LAND FOR
 WHICH THOU HAST DONE SO GREAT THINGS OF OLD. ABOLISH
 ALL MEAN DESIRE AND UNWORTHY MOTIVE; LET NONE BE
 DECEIVED THROUGH WILFULNESS OR BY VAIN WORDS; CLEANSE
 ALL THOUGHTS, AND UPLIFT ALL MINDS; ENABLE US TO CONSIDER
 ALL THINGS DILIGENTLY, AND IN ALL SINGLENESS OF HEART
 TO FULFILL THY WILL; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN."
 *KYRIE (CHOIR, CONGREGATION AND PASTOR)
 *ASSURANCE OF PARDON - CHORAL AMEN
 *PRAISE
 *PASTOR: "O LORD OPEN OUR LIPS.
 *PEOPLE: AND OUR MOUTH SHALL SHOW FORTH THY PRAISE
 *DOXOLOGY No. 551
 SCRIPTURE: 1 CORINTHIANS 12: 1-14
 HYMN No. 326 "O WHERE ARE KINGS AND EMPIRES NOW"
 *STATEMENT OF FAITH (FRONT OF HYMNAL)
 *GLORIA PATRI
 CALL TO PRAYER
 PASTOR: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.
 PEOPLE: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.
 PASTOR: LET US PRAY.
 PRAYER AND PRAYER RESPONSE
 OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "A MIGHTY FORTRESS" REGER
 NEW MEMBERS WILL BE RECEIVED
 ANTHEM: "GOD OF OUR FATHERS" WARREN
 SERMON: "57 VARIETIES"
 PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER
 *HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 322 "THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION"
 BENEDICTION AND THREE FOLD AMEN
 ORGAN POSTLUDE: "FOR ALL THE SAINTS" WILLIAMS
 *CONGREGATION STANDING - - - - -
 THE LOVELY FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN PLACED BY
 MR. & MRS. LLOYD FRENCH IN MEMORY OF "LOVED ONES AND
 FRIENDS"
 SERVING AS USHERS TODAY ARE: *MIKE NAZARUK, ROBERT
 STEWART, JAMES MCCLYMONDS AND GOTTLIEB KRADEL.
 DEACON AND MRS. CHARLES PENAR WILL BE THE "GREETERS"
 AT THE DOOR TODAY.
 NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED TODAY BY: VIRGINIA MANGEL,
 ORU RENDEL, LAUREL STAUFFER.
 THE ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY WAS 183.
 HOSPITALIZED: LEWIS KRADEL 263, HELEN HOLLEFREUND 406.
 CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. & MRS. RONALD VENBEL - THEY HAVE
 A NEW BARY GIRL THIS WEEK. ADDRESS IS R. D. #3.
 NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED TODAY ARE: MRS. NORMA YOLFE,
 WILLIAM OHL, SUE GIBBS AND CHRIS GIBBS.
 MRS. KATHRYNE BANGROFT WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE CONGRE-
 GATION FOR ALL THE CARDS, GET WELL WISHES AND PRAYERS.
 THOSE NOMINATED FOR ELDER: MIKE NAZARUK, BOB TAIT,
 ALLEN BOTACCHI; DEACON: WILLIAM THOMPSON, ROONEY RENDEL
 BRUCE McBRIDE, ROBERT SYBERT, RICHARD MANGEL, DONALD
 KINGSLEY, MARY LOU DAVIS.
 TONIGHT - 7:00 - YOUTH MEETING
 NEXT SUNDAY - YOUTH RALLY - MILLVALE UCC - 3:00 P.M.
 THURS. - BIBLE STUDY - 7:00 IN THE UNDERCROFT
 SINGLE AND CAREER BREAKFAST - EVERY FRIDAY MORNING
 AT 6:30 A.M. AT THE HOLIDAY INN - 29 THERE LAST WEEK.
 NEXT SUNDAY, REV. CHRIS CURRIER WILL BE OUR GUEST
 MINISTER. SEVERAL CONGREGATIONS WILL BE HERE TO HEAR
 HIM AS A CANDIDATE FOR THEIR PULPIT.
 NEXT SUNDAY AFTER THE SERVICE WE WILL HAVE NOMINATIONS
 FROM THE FLOOR FOR ELDERS AND DEACONS, FOLLOWED BY
 THE ELECTION. THE BUDGET WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE
 CONGREGATION FOR ADOPTION.

10:1-11

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 (Illus "Where Church") We need ? identify it
 (Illus Luke 11:14-15)

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Abstract: 1. *Journal of Management* 10:1-10

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 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST NOVEMBER 14, 1976
 THE REV. RALPH C. LINK, PASTOR
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 MR. RALPH COOPER, CHOIR DIRECTOR
 HELEN HILLIARD, BRIAN KENNEDY - ACOLYTES

ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE: "NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD" KARG ELERT
 *PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 253 "TAKE MY LIFE, AND LET IT BE"
 *ASCRIPTION - CHORAL AMEN
 *EXHORTATION
 *CONFESSION (UNISON) "O MOST LOVING FATHER, WHO WILLEST US TO GIVE THANKS FOR ALL THINGS, TO DREAD NOTHING BUT THE LOSS OF THEE, AND TO CAST ALL OUR CARE ON THEE, WHO CAREST FOR US; PRESERVE US FROM FAITHLESS FEARS AND WORLDLY ANXIETIES, AND GRANT THAT NO CLOUDS OF THIS MORTAL LIFE MAY HIDE US FROM THE LIGHT OF THAT LOVE WHICH IS IMMORTAL, AND WHICH THOU HAST MANIFESTED UNTO US IN THY SON JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN."
 *KYRIE (CHOIR, CONGREGATION AND PASTOR)
 *ASSURANCE OF PARDON - CHORAL AMEN
 *PRAISE
 *PASTOR: O LORD OPEN OUR LIPS.
 *PEOPLE: AND OUR MOUTH SHALL SHOW FORTH THY PRAISE
 *DOXOLOGY No. 551
 SCRIPTURE: 2 CHRONICLES 31: 2-12
 HYMN No. 252 "TAKE THOU OUR MINDS, DEAR LORD"
 *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)
 *GLORIA PATRI
 CALL TO PRAYER
 PASTOR: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.
 PEOPLE: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.
 PASTOR: LET US PRAY.
 PRAYER AND PRAYER RESPONSE
 OFFERING
 OFFERTORY: "NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD" KAUFMANN
 ANTHEM: "JESUS IS CALLING AMERICA" PETERSON
 FROM: I LOVE AMERICA - SOLO - VON MALONEY
 SERMON: "HEAPS OF LEFTOVERS"
 PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 256 "LORD, SPEAK TO ME"
 BENEDICTION AND THREE FOLD AMEN
 ORGAN POSTLUDE: *IMPROVISATION

----- *CONGREGATION STANDING -----
 THE LOVELY FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN PLACED BY MR. & MRS. STEVE VARGO TO THE "GLORY OF GOD"
 SERVING AS USHERS TODAY ARE: *WALLY FEDER, JOHN SNOW, MONT MACKINNEY, HERB SHEARER, STEVE VARGO.
 NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED TODAY BY: BRAD AND JUDY VINRO AND ELLEN MASTER.

THE ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY WAS 223

AFTER THE SERVICE THIS MORNING THE UNDER SHEPHERDS WILL PICK UP THE MATERIAL IN THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH.

THIS IS CHRISTIAN ENLISTMENT DAY IF YOU FORGOT TO BRING YOUR CARD TODAY, EITHER MAIL IT BACK TO THE CHURCH OR GET IT IN AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.
 MONDAY - 6:00 - FIDELITY BIBLE CLASS TUREEN DINNER AND GRAB BAG.

WED. - 7:30 - GOLDEN CIRCLE - PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN SCISSORS AND ELMERS GLUE.

THURS. - 10:00 - MARY MARTHA CIRCLE

FRI. - 6:15 - ARC CLASS WILL MEET AT THE CHURCH TO GO ICE SKATING AT BELMONT ARENA IN KITTANNING. RENTAL SKATES ARE AVAILABLE. TRANSPORTATION WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR ANYONE NEEDING IT. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AT THE CHURCH FOLLOWING THE ACTIVITY. BRING YOUR FAMILY AND COME ALONG FOR SOME FUN. THE DON KENNEDY'S AND BOB DELLEN'S ARE IN CHARGE OF PLANS.
 HOSPITALIZED: GERTRUDE DAVIS, FLORENCE MACKINNEY, EVELYN SHAKELY, WILMER PFARE.

THURS. - 6:30 - BUTLER AREA LAYMEN'S FATHER AND SON BANQUET WILL BE HELD AT BETHANY UCC THIS THURS. TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM WALTER HARMON AND CHUCK PENAR.

NEXT SUNDAY AT 3:30 WE WILL MEET IN THE UNDERCROFT TO MAKE ADVENT WREATHS. WE WILL NEED SOME EVERGREEN BRANCHES TO DECORATE THE WREATHS. AT 5:00 WE WILL SIT DOWN TO A FAMILY MEAL OF HOMEMADE VEGETABLE SOUP. AFTERWARDS THERE WILL BE CORDSING AND EXPLANATION OF CHRISMONS FOR THE CHRISMON TREE.

NEXT SUNDAY IS FAMILY THANKOFFERING SUNDAY - WARREN HLENFELD WILL BE THE SPEAKER - FAMILY THANKOFFERING WILL GO TO THE AMERICAN INDIANS. YOUR SPECIAL ENVELOPE IS IN YOUR ENVELOPE BOX (BLUE)

1. The first step in the process of learning is to identify the problem or goal. This involves understanding what you want to achieve and why it is important to you. Once you have identified the problem, you can begin to explore different solutions and strategies.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA
 FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT November 28, 1976
 THE REV. RALPH C. LINK, PASTOR
 MRS. KAY MORRIS, ORGANIST
 MRS. GYNOLIE SYBERT, YOUTH CHOIR DIRECTOR
 SHELLY HOCKENBERRY, RICKY VINROE - ACOLYTES

ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE: "SAVOR OF THE HEATHEN, COME" BACH
 *PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 99 "REJOICE, REJOICE, BELIEVERS"
 *ASCRPTION - CHORAL AMEN
 *EXHORTATION
 *CONFESSION (UNISON) "O GOD, IT IS EASIER FOR US TO CALL YOU LORD THAN IT IS TO DO WHAT YOUR LORDSHIP REQUIRES. WE ENLIST IN YOUR CAUSES BUT FIND OURSELVES LOSING INTEREST. WE PROMISE TO BE COURAGEOUS BUT FIND OURSELVES GIVING IN TO FEAR. WE WANT TO BE SENSITIVE BUT FIND IT EASY TO BE HARD. WE FAIL TO SEE AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE GREAT OPPORTUNITIES SURROUNDING US. FORGIVE US, OUR FATHER. TAKE OUR LIMITATIONS AND TURN THEM INTO POSSIBILITIES FOR SERVICE. GRANT US THIS GRACE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN."
 *KYRIE (CHOIR, CONGREGATION AND PASTOR)
 *ASSURANCE OF PARDON - CHORAL AMEN
 *PRAISE
 *PASTOR: O LORD OPEN OUR LIPS.
 *PEOPLE: AND OUR MOUTH SHALL SHOW FORTH THY PRAISE
 *DOXOLOGY No. 551
 SCRIPTURE: LUKE 1: 5-25 - **ADVENT WREATH**
 HYMN No. 89 "COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS"
 *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (APOSTLES' CREEN)
 *GLORIA PATRI
 CALL TO PRAYER
 PASTOR: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.
 PEOPLE: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.
 PASTOR: LET US PRAY.
 PRAYER AND PRAYER RESPONSE
 OFFERING
 OFFERTORY: "OH, COME, EMMANUEL" W. HELD
 ANTHEM: "LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH" YOUTH CHOIR
 SERMON: "GOD'S FREEWAY: EXIT 1: JERUSALEM"

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 88 "O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL"
 BENEDICTION AND THREE FOLD AMEN
 ORGAN POSTLUDE: "IMPROVISATION" MORRIS

----- *CONGREGATION STANDING -----

THE LOVELY FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN PLACED BY MR. & MRS. WALLACE FEDER TO THE "GLORY OF GOD"
 SERVING AS USHERS TODAY ARE: *DON KINGSLEY, DARYL TAIT, JOHN DREHER, GARY PENAR AND RICHARD MANGEL.
 DEACON AND MRS. DONALD KENNEDY WILL BE THE GREETERS AT THE DOOR TODAY.

NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED TODAY BY: VIRGINIA MANGEL, ANN FALKNER, JODIE MARTE.

THE ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY WAS 201

TONIGHT - 7:00 - YOUTH FELLOWSHIP MEETING

WED. - 7:30 - CHURCH COUNCIL ~~NEW PLACES~~ & MORE

THURS. - THE NEWSLETTER WILL BE PUBLISHED - PLEASE HAVE ALL MATERIAL IN BY WEDNESDAY.

THURS. - 7:00 - BIBLE STUDY

BAPTISM OF "TINY ONES" WILL BE HELD NEXT SUNDAY - IF YOU SHOULD WANT YOUR BARY BAPTIZED - PLEASE LEAVE THE PASTOR KNOW TODAY.

BASKETBALL SIGN-UP SHEET IS IN ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK PLEASE GET ALL YOUR TIME AND TALENT SHEETS BACK IN SO THEY CAN BE PUT TOGETHER AND USED FOR VARIOUS COMMITTEES FOR THE UP COMING YEAR. YOUR HELP WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

IF YOU FORGOT TO TURN IN YOUR COMMITMENT CARD - PLEASE DO SO IN THE NEXT WEEK OR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

HARRY BOLAM WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THOSE THAT ASKED PRAYER, SENT CARDS AND WELL WISHER WHILE HE WAS IN HOSPITAL.

THE FLOWER CHART WILL BE PASSED AROUND THIS MORNING

- NOW IS THE TIME TO MAKE YOUR SELECTION FOR THE

COMING YEAR BEFORE A SPECIAL DATE HAS BEEN TAKEN.

DEC. 5 - ARC WILL BE GOING TO SUNNYCREEK REST HOME TO ENTERTAIN THE ELDERLY.

DEC. 12 - ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERB AND DEACONS.

DEC. 12 - CHURCH FAMILY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT 7:00 - SPONSORED BY THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

HOSPITALIZED: FRANK COTTAGE, 1010 10th St.
 POINSETTA CHART WILL BE PASSED TODAY - NO PRICE LIST AS YET - FOR THE SANCTUARY ON DEC. 19th

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vs 10. The incense was burned in the incense altar while the people were in the
north court called the court of the Israelites. And it was, while Zacharias was there
that the angel of the Lord confronted him at the side of the altar of incense,
vs. 11. Naturally, Zacharias was afraid, vs 12, but the angel assured him that
he need not fear, and that ~~his~~ ^{his} prayers were going to be answered and Elizabeth his
wife was going to have a baby. The baby was to be named John, vs13. The angel
then went on to explain all that John is going to do, vs14-17. Zacharias finds
all of this a little too hard to believe and he questions him, vs18. The angel
identified himself and explains that because of his doubts the angel tells him of
a sign and the sign was to be his name. Such or words to come until all of this
has been accomplished, vs19. Meanwhile out in the outer court, the people were
wondering where Zacharias was, vs. 20. It was the crowd of the people who

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This is ~~unusually~~ something similar to what we have seen for a while. We had pre-
 vided something wonderful and beautiful which he would not need to have. And

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 BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA
 SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT DECEMBER 5, 1976
 THE REV. RALPH C. LINK, PASTOR
 MRS. KAY MORRIS, ORGANIST
 MR. RALPH COOPER, CHOIR DIRECTOR
 MARY DELLEN, BOBBY SHAKELY - ACOLYTES

ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE: "THE SWISS NOELS" DAQUIN
 *PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 9/ "HARK, THE GLAD SOUND, THE SAVIOUR COMES"
 *ACSCRIPTION - CHORAL AMEN
 *EXHORTATION
 *CONFESSION (UNISON) "ALMIGHTY GOD, WE ARE MADE AWARE THAT ALL THINGS HAVE NOT BEEN ACCOMPLISHED. WE CONFESS THAT WE ARE BOTH BLOTFUL IN GOOD, AND UNLETTERED IN YOUR WORD. OUR DISMAY IS EXCEEDED ONLY BY OUR APATHY. TOO EASILY WE EXPRESS THE WORDS BEGGING FOR FORGIVENESS, WHEN YOU KNOW THE TRUTH OF OUR FEELINGS. TOO OFTEN WE PRAY AND WE ARE NOT REALLY REPENTANT, AND WE DO NOT TRY TO AMEND OUR WAYS. THEREFORE O GOD, MAKE US MORE AWARE OF YOUR MAJESTY, AND MORE DEPENDENT UPON YOUR COUNSEL, AND LET US TRULY COME FOR FORGIVENESS IN THE PROPER MANNER, HEAR US, AND FORGIVE EACH ONE NOW, IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN."
 *KYRIE (CHOIR, CONGREGATION AND PASTOR)
 *ASSURANCE OF PARDON - CHORAL AMEN
 *PRAISE
 *PASTOR: 10 LORD OPEN OUR LIPS.
 *PEOPLE: AND OUR MOUTH SHALL SHOW FORTH THY PRAISE
 *DOXOLOGY No. 551
 SCRIPTURE: LUKE 1: 26-38
 LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES
 HYMN No. 107 "IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR"
 *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)
 *GLORIA PATRI
 CALL TO PRAYER
 PASTOR: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.
 PEOPLE: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.
 PASTOR: LET US PRAY
 PRAYER AND PRAYER RESPONSE
 OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "OH JESUS SO MILD, OH JESUS SO KIND" ROHANSON
 SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
 ANTHEM: "ROOM FOR THEE" FROM YULETIDE MEMORIES WILSON
 CHOIR - TRIO: CYNDIE, DORIS, NORABEL
 SERMON: "GOD'S FREEWAY: EXIT 2 - NAZARETH"
 PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER
 *HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 118 "THE FIRST NOWELL"
 BENEDICTION AND THREE FOLD AMEN
 ORGAN POSTLUDE: "MINUET IN G" PLAYED BY SHIRLEY RIEMER
 *CONGREGATION STANDING -
 THE LOVELY FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN PLACED BY MR. & MRS. NICK NOHACH IN MEMORY OF "LOVED ONES"
 SERVING AS USHERS TODAY ARE: *ALLEN BOTACCHI, JOHN REDMAN, DAN BOSKO, ROBERT KNAUER, CHARLES PENAR.
 MR. & MRS. WILLIAM THOMPSON WILL BE THE GREETERS AT THE DOOR TODAY.
 NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED TODAY BY BARB VARGO, JEAN FENCIL AND SHERRI MCCLIMANS.
 THE POINSETTA CHART WAS PASSED AROUND LAST WEEK, IF YOU DID NOT GET A CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR A POINSETTA FOR THE 19TH, DO SO NOW IN THE OFFICE - STILL NO PRICE QUOTE.
 THE FLOWER CHART WILL BE PASSED TODAY FOR YOUR SELECTION.
 TODAY THE ARC CLASS WILL GO TO SUGAR CREEK REST HOME TO ENTERTAIN THE ELDERLY. MEET AT THE CHURCH AT 5:15 P.M. TO BE THERE AT HOME BY 6:00. ANYONE DONATING COOKIES ARE REMINDED THAT THEY ARE NEEDED AT THIS TIME.
 MONDAY - 6:00 - WOMEN'S MARY PAUGH CIRCLE TUREEN DINNER.
 WEDNESDAY - 6:00 - GOLDEN CIRCLE TUREEN DINNER.
 HUSBANDS OR OTHER GUESTS ARE INVITED.
 NEXT SUNDAY - 7:00 P.M. - CHURCH FAMILY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM.
 THIS COMING FRIDAY - DEC. 10 - 6:30 - ARC WILL HAVE A POT LUCK SUPPER - DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR TUREENS AND TABLEWARE. DESSERT AND BEVERAGE WILL BE FURNISHED.
 THE TREE WILL BE DECORATED AND THE CHURCH AT THIS TIME FOLLOWING THE SUPPER.
 COOKIES ARE NEEDED FOR THE SOCIAL HOUR FOLLOWING THE CHURCH FAMILY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - CALL MARIE STAUFFER, MRS. FLORENCE MACKINNEY WROTE "I WISH TO EXPRESS MY THANKS TO ALL OF YOU, FOR THE BEAUTIFUL CARDS, AND FOR REMEMBERING ME IN YOUR PRAYERS, AND FOR THE LOVELY BOUQUET THAT AWAITED ME, WHEN I RETURNED HOME. YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS WAS DEEPLY APPRECIATED. GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU."

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ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA
THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT DECEMBER 12, 1976

THE REV. RALPH C. LINK, PASTOR
MRS. KAY MORRIS, ORGANIST
MR. RALPH COOPER, CHOIR DIRECTOR
MARY DELLEN, BOBBY SHAKELY - ACOLYTES

ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

- PRELUDE: "NOEL - GRAND JEU" DAQUIN
*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 102 "HARK, THE HERALD ANGELS SING"
*ACSCRIPTION - CHORAL AMEN
*EXHORTATION
*CONFESSION (UNISON) "O GRACIOUS GOD, WHO HAST GIVEN US
THY CREATION AND A NEW COVENANT, WHO CALLEST US BY
PROPHET AND APOSTLE: WE CONFESS THAT WE HAVE SINNED
IN THY SIGHT. WE HAVE INTERRUPTED THY COUNSELS,
FRUSTRATED THY PURPOSES, AND DISOBEYED THY COMMANDMENTS.
THEN IN OUR SELF-DECEIT, WE HAVE CHALLENGED THY WISDOM,
ACTED IN HASTE, VIOLATED THE SANCTITY OF OURSELVES AND
OTHERS BY OUR THOUGHTS AND WORDS, AND HAVE REGARDED OUR
WAYS HIGHER THAN THY WAYS. IN THY MERCY O GOD, HEAR
OUR PRAYERS AND FORGIVE US, THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD, AMEN."
*KYRIE (CHOIR, CONGREGATION AND PASTOR)
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON - CHORAL AMEN
*PRAISE
*PASTOR: O LORD OPEN OUR LIPS.
*PEOPLE: AND OUR MOUTH SHALL SHOW FORTH THY PRAISE
*DOXOLOGY No. 551
SCRIPTURE: LUKE 1: 39-56
LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES
HYMN No. 109 "AWAY IN A MANGER"
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)
*GLORIA PATRI
CALL TO PRAYER
PASTOR: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.
PEOPLE: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.
PASTOR: LET US PRAY
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OFFERING
OFFERTORY: "ADAGIO" MOZART
INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

- ANTHEM: "BETHLEHEM" WILSON
SERMON: "GOD'S FREEWAY - EXIT 3 - HEBRON"
PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER
*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 120 "JOY TO THE WORLD!"
BENEDICTION AND THREE FOLD AMEN
ORGAN POSTLUDE: "VOLUNTARY ON CAROLS" MORRIS
*CONGREGATION STANDING
THE LOVELY FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN PLACED BY
MR. ARTHUR SNYDER IN MEMORY OF "LOVED ONES"
SERVING AS USHERS TODAY ARE: *WALLY FEDER, JOHN SNOW,
MONT MACKINNEY, HERB SHEARER AND STEVE VARGO.
MR. & MRS. ROBERT KNAUER WILL BE THE GREETERS AT THE
DOOR THIS MORNING.
BEING INSTALLED THIS MORNING: ELDERS - PAUL CAMPBELL,
MIKE NAZARUK, DEACONS: MARY LOU DAVIS, RICHARD
MANGEL, ROB SYBERT AND WILLIAM THOMPSON.
TONIGHT - 7:00 - CHURCH FAMILY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM.
LADIES DON'T FORGET TO BRING THE COOKIES FOR TONIGHT.
TODAY IS THE LAST TIME WE WILL ACCEPT POINSETTA ORDERS.
THE PRICE THIS YEAR WILL BE \$4.50 (THEY ARE BEAUTIFUL)
SIGN UP IN ON PEA'S DESK TODAY IF YOU WANT ONE FOR
NEXT SUNDAY.
NEXT SUNDAY - HOLY COMMUNION (PEW) AT 11:00 A.M. SERVICE.
CHRISTMAS EVE - FRIDAY AT 11:00 P.M. - CANDLELIGHT
SERVICE - HOLY COMMUNION.
MRS. JOHN BARNHART WILL BE 90 YEARS OF AGE THIS DEC.
19 (NEXT SUNDAY) DON'T FORGET TO SEND HER A CARD.
THE ADDRESS IS 446 TERRACE APTS. CLIFF ST. BUTLER.
NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED TODAY BY: TOM AND JUDY
MARBART AND ROBIN KNAUER.
HOSPITALIZED: HOWARD JAILLET, LEWIS KRANEL, PAUL
FORCHT - BCMH. DR. HOMER FILSON - ALLEGHENY GENERAL
NEW YEARS EVE PARTY HERE IN THE UNDERCROFT - FOR
CAREER AGE PEOPLE - DEC. 31 (9 A.M. TO 1 P.M.) - SEE
WILLIAM OHM FOR DETAILS.
IF YOU WILL BE ALONE ON CHRISTMAS - YOU CAN JOIN US
FOR CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH, NORTH AND McKEAN ST. FROM 12:30 TO 3:00.
ENJOY TURKEY WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS - SET A SPELL
AND TALK WITH OTHERS, SING CAROLS AROUND THE PIANO
RESERVATIONS REQUESTED BY DEC. 22ND - TEL. 287-7597
OR 2832282. TRANS. PROVIDED IF NEEDED. MEALS DELIVERED
TO THOSE WHO CANNOT GET OUT. NO CHARGE FOR ME!
DONATIONS ACCEPTED.

"Golf's Fareway: Unit 7 - ch 11"

Time: 11:55, "The Great Wall of China"

End Time: 1:39-50

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I'm sorry my people/when I'm in significant
 I'm still a small song Hannah is I can't,
 it will not lift note/ my side incarnate, Immanuel
 still are bodies long ago, how I operate lif man
 was 45-47, I praise I A but will be
 45-47-49, I speak remain, no sense the state, I grant
 was 41, they brot down earth the exalt selves= 41-42

Prison Song Book 7, from script by Keep Meep-kin,
is self-sill, self-i-art, etc.

(210) **ma:q* 'many' *qam* 'bad' *baq-um* (plur)

He saw self= went this from us recognizing himself,
then came a lot blood cleanse up & give us
7-11, i didn't make low/low estate excited

(= low level scholar being considered worthless)

We consider self same level seen at time 0 i.e. a
 -unchanged level top & side 2 set up fifteen minutes,
 from zero level down, the 167, cover, facilities & 2
 are shown in figure 1. Note say this Va 5%.

It is wealth, power, edge of world things that count,
 it is it is filled by 3, things of 3, a special 3 is it

Yes 44-75, Mary sing a real nice & cute wonderful way,
she know how to be Jewish, But angel Bob tell me she
know she bear Son of God, so she really

the best comic book ever

but also I & another Jew from the camp in this
 way I found time to witness inside the area of
 from 2 out who I included in my Covenant.

Special, (I see Manning Colback - Soldier rail)
I must not goe things think best this I the know
I do another special for get did
I get a with, for them, was, for a day, rail I the
personal

personal

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Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the experimental setup. The subject is seated in a chair and views the target through a video camera. The target is a light source that is controlled by a computer. The subject's hand is positioned on a horizontal surface. The distance between the hand and the target is 10 cm. The target is a light source that is controlled by a computer. The subject's hand is positioned on a horizontal surface. The distance between the hand and the target is 10 cm.

It seems that Nazareth is located 18 miles from Jerusalem and it was at Nazareth that Mary was informed that she was to be visited by the Holy Spirit and miraculously conceive a child to be born as the Messiah. We also know that Lebron is about 19 miles southwest of Jerusalem, which would mean that it was 99 miles from Nazareth to Lebron. Now we are not certain that Zacharias and Elizabeth lived in Lebron, but it is thought that this was where they had their home. Thus, we see that Mary traveled a very long way to pay a visit to her cousin Elizabeth.

the visible little seeds of the devil's plan. ... It is pride that keeps people in sin and deliberately doing what they know to be wrong and against God's will. ... the human life of self-interest, and self-will.

... This is what God wants to do with us, to make ourselves free what we really are, sinners. ... and then to be something about it, and that is to come to Jesus and let His finished atonement be our freedom.

... being made low, and those of low estate raised up, etc.

... [The revelation of Jesus' glory being conditioned on this].

... the same Lord that has made us the children of God. God must knock us down to size in order to make us his children. ... and entire families in order to get through to them, and that is why there is nothing in the world now. It isn't health, or education, or money, or any of the things of this world that count. It is the filling of a person with the Holy Spirit. ... the things of God, and not of the world, the things of Jesus which are ruling within our hearts and lives.

... the world is a new and wonderful way. ... the coming of a Messiah, a ruler over Israel who would lead and govern them in the way of truth and righteousness. But it wasn't until the angel Gabriel came to her and told her that the circumstance which she was to bear through the conception of the Holy Spirit was to be the Son of God. It was then that she had a new understanding of all the prophecies she had heard about this Messiah.

... the Son of God who was to be born in Bethlehem in the fulfillment of God's promises concerning the Messiah son of David. ... and that is why it is said that the Son of God was born in Bethlehem.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA
 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT December 19, 1976
 THE REV. RALPH C. LINK, PASTOR
 MRS. KITTY FEDER, ORGANIST
 MR. RALPH COOPER, CHOIR DIRECTOR
 MRS. CYNTHIE SYBERT, YOUTH CHOIR DIRECTOR
 PATTY McWILLIAMS, MARK FRY - ACOLYTES

ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION - 1:00 A.M.
 PRELUDE: "CAROLS OF THE STAR" SMITH
 *PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 112 "O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL"
 *ACCOLYTE - CHORAL AMEN
 *CALL TO WORSHIP
 *EXHORTATION (PAGE 32)
 *CONFESSION (PAGE 32)
 *ASSURANCE OF PARDON
 SCRIPTURE: LUKE 2: 1-20
 LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH
 ANTHEM: "CAROLING CAROLING", "THE STAR CAROL",
 -ALFRED BURT CAROLS - YOUTH CHOIR
 ANNOUNCEMENTS
 OFFERING
 OFFERTORY: "THE MIDNIGHT CHOIR" ORGAN AND SAX DUET
 ANTHEM: "THE SHEPHERD'S VISION" BY WILSON
 CHOIR, MEN AND WOMENS CHORUS
 SERMON: "GOD'S FREEWAY: EXIT 4 - BETHLEHEM"
 COMMUNION HYMN 108 "O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM"
 *THE CALL TO COMMUNION (PAGE 33)
 *EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER - INSTITUTION - AGNUS DEI
 HOLY COMMUNION
 *PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
 *DOXOLOGY
 *HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 105 "ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH"
 *BENEDICTION
 *THREEFOLD AMEN
 *POSTLUDE "THE FIRST NOWELL"
 - *CONGREGATION STANDING -
 THE LOVELY POINSETTAS ON THE CHANCEL TODAY MAY BE TAKEN
 RIGHT AFTER THE SERVICE. THE REST WILL BE GIVEN TO
 SHUT-INS TO ENJOY OVER THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

THE DEACONS AND ELDERS WILL SERVE COMMUNION THIS
 MORNING AS WELL AS SERVE AS UMBERS.
 THE ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY WAS 212.
 DEACON AND MRS. ROBERT DELLEN WILL BE THE GREETERS
 AT THE DOOR TODAY.

NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED TODAY BY LINDA SHEPPECK,
 ART AND BETTY CARNEY, AND DRU RENSEL.

> NEW YEARS EVE PARTY HERE IN THE UNDERCROFT - FOR
 CAREER AGE PEOPLE - DEC. 31 (9 A.M. TO 1 P.M.) -
 SEE WILLIAM OHL FOR DETAILS.

IF YOU WILL BE ALONE ON CHRISTMAS - YOU CAN JOIN US
 FOR CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST
 CHURCH, NORTH AND MCKEAN ST. FROM 12:30 TO 3:00.
 ENJOY TURKEY WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS - SIT A FELL
 AND TALK WITH OTHERS, SING CAROLS AROUND THE PIANO.
 RESERVATIONS REQUESTED BY DEC. 22ND - TELE. 287-7597
 OR 283-2282. TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED IF NEEDED.

MEALS DELIVERED TO THOSE WHO CANNOT GET OUT. NO
 CHARGE FOR MEAL, BUT DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

> WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK SARA STEPP WHO MADE ALL THE
 CANNY FOR THE FAMILY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM.

> WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK SARA STEPP AND MIKE
 NAZARUK WHO MADE THE STABLE FOR THE MANGER SCENE.

> CANDLELIGHT SERVICE - DECEMBER 24 AT 11:00 P.M.
 HOLY COMMUNION (PENN). CAROLS, ANGELS, VERSES

> HOSPITALIZED: MR. LEWIS KRADEL, MR. PAUL FORCHT,
 MR. HOWARD JAILLET, MR. WILMER BEARE. (BETHLEHEM, PA.)

> A NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE.
 (PENN. CHURCH) 11:00 P.M. 12:00 P.M.

THE PASTOR AND WIFE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE CONGREGA-
 TION FOR THEIR CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND ESPECIALLY
 FOR THE ANNIVERSARY GIFT AND CARDS. YOUR EXPRESSIONS
 OF LOVE ARE DEEPLY APPRECIATED AND WE CERTAINLY WISH
 ALL OF YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A NEW YEAR
 FILLED WITH GOD'S LOVE.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM WILL BE HELD NEXT SUNDAY -
 PLEASE CONTACT THE MINISTER IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE
 A CHILD BAPTIZED.

THURS. - DEC. 30 - BOWLING PARTY FOR THE YOUTH AT
 BOWLAWAY LANES - 9:00 P.M.

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DATE: 12-2-11, 09:00
TIME: 12:00-1:00

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11/14 at 8:00 Bath & so vs 43 cried this
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 with some bar city king 3 yrs. health from blue
 11/14 3 3 more delivery one from 85
 11/14 1 child (very last stage) was 3 so=85 and
 (however not 1 so from this birth & angel bar
 (very, (11/14 11/14))

must look into & understand all this:
 both=look brod, this nothing until could other lib
 criticized, not /s say best self & then it is rtant
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 3 /s say ev as well, 1 loaf 2 prison, 1 loaf 4 gift
 brod, 15 loaf 11d, broke use as soon
 as say, "I as brod lif, he can I use no honor, he
 shew shall never thirst"

You could give it for then with please,
 Can give a form both=to bred, back also call don't
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 two on 4, 5, but a set=after to much bred any this
 a 2, or body 2 bred a short body sacrif then that.
 (illegible with above, some living & some dead)

This is 4 yrs, the sacrific 33. I was acc't, div, clence
to meet 2 know his birth in 1904, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914
life: (11) 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071, 2072, 2073, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2077, 2078, 2079, 2080, 2081, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2090, 2091, 2092, 2093, 2094, 2095, 2096, 2097, 2098, 2099, 2100, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2109, 2110, 2111, 2112, 2113, 2114, 2115, 2116, 2117, 2118, 2119, 2120, 2121, 2122, 2123, 2124, 2125, 2126, 2127, 2128, 2129, 2130, 2131, 2132, 2133, 2134, 2135, 2136, 2137, 2138, 2139, 2140, 2141, 2142, 2143, 2144, 2145, 2146, 2147, 2148, 2149, 2150, 2151, 2152, 2153, 2154, 2155, 2156, 2157, 2158, 2159, 2160, 2161, 2162, 2163, 2164, 2165, 2166, 2167, 2168, 2169, 2170, 2171, 2172, 2173, 2174, 2175, 2176, 2177, 2178, 2179, 2180, 2181, 2182, 2183, 2184, 2185, 2186, 2187, 2188, 2189, 2190, 2191, 2192, 2193, 2194, 2195, 2196, 2197, 2198, 2199, 2200, 2201, 2202, 2203, 2204, 2205, 2206, 2207, 2208, 2209, 2210, 2211, 2212, 2213, 2214, 2215, 2216, 2217, 2218, 2219, 2220, 2221, 2222, 2223, 2224, 2225, 2226, 2227, 2228, 2229, 2230, 2231, 2232, 2233, 2234, 2235, 2236, 2237, 2238, 2239, 2240, 2241, 2242, 2243, 2244, 2245, 2246, 2247, 2248, 2249, 2250, 2251, 2252, 2253, 2254, 2255, 2256, 2257, 2258, 2259, 2260, 2261, 2262, 2263, 2264, 2265, 2266, 2267, 2268, 2269, 2270, 2271, 2272, 2273, 2274, 2275, 2276, 2277, 2278, 2279, 2280, 2281, 2282, 2283, 2284, 2285, 2286, 2287, 2288, 2289, 2290, 2291, 2292, 2293, 2294, 2295, 2296, 2297, 2298, 2299, 2300, 2301, 2302, 2303, 2304, 2305, 2306, 2307, 2308, 2309, 2310, 2311, 2312, 2313, 2314, 2315, 2316, 2317, 2318, 2319, 2320, 2321, 2322, 2323, 2324, 2325, 2326, 2327, 2328, 2329, 2330, 2331, 2332, 2333, 2334, 2335, 2336, 2337, 2338, 2339, 2340, 2341, 2342, 2343, 2344, 2345, 2346, 2347, 2348, 2349, 2350, 2351, 2352, 2353, 2354, 2355, 2356, 2357, 2358, 2359, 2360, 2361, 2362, 2363, 2364, 2365, 2366, 2367, 2368, 2369, 2370, 2371, 2372, 2373, 2374, 2375, 2376, 2377, 2378, 2379, 2380, 2381, 2382, 2383, 2384, 2385, 2386, 2387, 2388, 2389, 2390, 2391, 2392, 2393, 2394, 2395, 2396, 2397, 2398, 2399, 2400, 2401, 2402, 2403, 2404, 2405, 2406, 2407, 2408, 2409, 2410, 2411, 2412, 2413, 2414, 2415, 2416, 2417, 2418, 2419, 2420, 2421, 2422, 2423, 2424, 2425, 2426, 2427, 2428, 2429, 2430, 2431, 2432, 2433, 2434, 2435, 2436, 2437, 2438, 2439, 2440, 2441, 2442, 2443, 2444, 2445, 2446, 2447, 2448, 2449, 2450, 2451, 2452, 2453, 2454, 2455, 2456, 2457, 2458, 2459, 2460, 2461, 2462, 2463, 2464, 2465, 2466, 2467, 2468, 2469, 2470, 2471, 2472, 2473, 2474, 2475, 2476, 2477, 2478, 2479, 2480, 2481, 2482, 2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489, 2490, 2491, 2492, 2493, 2494, 2495, 2496, 2497, 2498, 2499, 2500, 2501, 2502, 2503, 2504, 2505, 2506, 2507, 2508, 2509, 2510, 2511, 2512, 2513, 2514, 2515, 2516, 2517, 2518, 2519, 2520, 2521, 2522, 2523, 2524, 2525, 2526, 2527, 2528, 2529, 2530, 2531, 2532, 2533, 2534, 2535, 2536, 2537, 2538, 2539, 2540, 2541, 2542, 2543, 2544, 2545, 2546, 2547, 2548, 2549, 2550, 2551, 2552, 2553, 2554, 2555, 2556, 2557, 2558, 2559, 2560, 2561, 2562, 2563, 2564, 2565, 2566, 2567, 2568, 2569, 2570, 2571, 2572, 2573, 2574, 2575, 2576, 2577, 2578, 2579, 2580, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2584, 2585,

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the manufacture of the same on human dimensions and the machine because there was no man. Therefore, it was about
perhaps the greatest of all the difficulties that it was the first time.
It was not the first time that it was the first time. It was the first time that it was
the first time, and it was the first time that it was the first time, the first time.
It was the first time that it was the first time, the first time, the first time.

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ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA
 CANDLELIGHT SERVICE CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24, 1976
 THE REV. RALPH C. LINK, PASTOR
 MRS. WALLACE FEDER, ORGANIST
 MR. RALPH COOPER, CHOIR DIRECTOR
 PATTY McWILLIAMS, MARK FRY - ACOLYTES

ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 P.M.
 HOLY COMMUNION

PRELUDE "BEFORE THE MANGER" WILSON
 *PROCESSIONAL HYMN 120 "JOY TO THE WORLD!"
 *ACCOLYTE - CHORAL AMEN
 *CALL TO WORSHIP
 *EXHORTATION - PAGE 32 HYMNAL
 *CONFESSION - PAGE 32 HYMNAL
 *ASSURANCE OF PARDON - CHORAL AMEN
 LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS WREATH
 CHRISTMAS CAROL No. 112 "O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL"
 (1ST STANZA)
 SCRIPTURE: LUKE 2: 1-7
 CHRISTMAS CAROL No. 109 "AWAY IN A MANGER" (1ST STANZA)
 SCRIPTURE: LUKE 2: 8-9
 CHRISTMAS CAROL No. 102 "HARK, THE HERALD ANGELS SING"
 (1ST STANZA)
 SCRIPTURE: LUKE 2: 10-14
 CHRISTMAS CAROL No. 118 "THE FIRST NOWELL" (1ST STANZA)
 SCRIPTURE: LUKE 2: 15
 CHRISTMAS CAROL No. 108 "O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM"
 (1ST STANZA)
 SCRIPTURE: LUKE 2: 16-20
 CHRISTMAS CAROL 107 "IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR"
 (ALL VERSES)
 OFFERING
 OFFERTORY "WHAT CHILD IS THIS" HUGHES
 COMMUNION CAROL 105 "ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD IN HIGH"
 *THE CALL TO COMMUNION - PAGE 33 HYMNAL
 *EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER - INSTITUTION - AGNUS DEI
 HOLY COMMUNION
 *PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
 *DOXOLOGY
 CHRISTMAS MONOLOGUE: "THE NIGHT VISITOR"

THE CANDLELIGHTING

*CANDLELIGHT CAROL 101 "SILENT NIGHT! HOLY NIGHT!"
 ANTHEM: "HALLELUJAH CHORUS" (BELOW)
 *BENEDICTION AND AMENS ON CHIMES
 *POSTLUDE: "CHRISTMAS RHAPSODY" WILSON

*CONGREGATION STANDING - - - - -

THE LOVELY WHITE POINSETTAS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN
 PLACED BY MR. & MRS. WILLIAM ZAVACKY, JR. AND
 MR. & MRS. WILLIAM ZAVACKY, SR. IN MEMORY OF "LOVED
 ONES"

THE ELDERNS AND DEACONS WILL SERVE COMMUNION AS WELL
 AS SERVE AS USHERS TONIGHT.

DEACON AND MRS. CHARLES PENAR WILL BE THE GREETERS
 AT THE DOOR THIS EVENING.

WHEN RECEIVING THE LIGHT, TILT UNLIT CANDLES TOWARD
 THE ONE THAT IS ALREADY LIT.

PLEASE FILL OUT A COMMUNION CARD SO THAT OUR CHURCH'S
 RECORDS ARE ACCURATE. IF VISITORS WILL PUT EITHER THE
 NAME AND ADDRESS OF THEIR CHURCH OR THEIR PASTOR'S
 NAME AND ADDRESS ON THE BACK OF THE COMMUNION CARD,
 IT WILL BE FORWARDED.

SILENT NIGHT! HOLY NIGHT!

1. SILENT NIGHT! HOLY NIGHT! ALL IS CALM, ALL IS BRIGHT;
 'ROUND YON VIRGIN MOTHER AND CHILD, HOLY INFANT SO TENDER
 AND MILD;
 SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE, SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE.
2. SILENT NIGHT! HOLY NIGHT! DARKNESS FLIES, ALL IS
 LIGHT;
 SHEPHERDS HEAR THE ANGELS SING; ALLELUIA! HAIL THE
 KING!
 CHRIST THE SAVIOUR IS BORN, CHRIST THE SAVIOUR IS BORN.
3. SILENT NIGHT! HOLY NIGHT! GUIDING STAR, LEND THY LIGHT!
 SEE THE EASTERN WISE MEN BRING GIFTS AND HOMAGE TO OUR
 KING!
 CHRIST THE SAVIOUR IS BORN, CHRIST THE SAVIOUR IS BORN.
4. SILENT NIGHT! HOLY NIGHT! HONOROUS STAR, LEND THY LIGHT!
 WITH THE ANGELS LET US SING ALLELUIA TO OUR KING!
 CHRIST THE SAVIOUR IS BORN, CHRIST THE SAVIOUR IS BORN.

NURSERY IS PROVIDED BY GAYE BOWSER AND MARY DELLEN

went to work. Talk about morbid to me.

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the crucifixion was a sacrifice of the Father, a sacrifice of the Son, a sacrifice of the Holy Spirit, a sacrifice of the Church, a sacrifice of the world, a sacrifice of the flesh, a sacrifice of the blood, a sacrifice of the life, a sacrifice of the death, a sacrifice of the resurrection, a sacrifice of the glory, a sacrifice of the kingdom, a sacrifice of the power, a sacrifice of the wisdom, a sacrifice of the love, a sacrifice of the peace, a sacrifice of the joy, a sacrifice of the hope, a sacrifice of the faith, a sacrifice of the charity, a sacrifice of the grace, a sacrifice of the mercy, a sacrifice of the kindness, a sacrifice of the gentleness, a sacrifice of the meekness, a sacrifice of the patience, a sacrifice of the long-suffering, a sacrifice of the forbearance, a sacrifice of the self-control, a sacrifice of the temperance, a sacrifice of the chastity, a sacrifice of the purity, a sacrifice of the holiness, a sacrifice of the righteousness, a sacrifice of the justice, a sacrifice of the equity, a sacrifice of the truth, a sacrifice of the honesty, a sacrifice of the integrity, a sacrifice of the loyalty, a sacrifice of the fidelity, a sacrifice of the devotion, a sacrifice of the obedience, a sacrifice of the submission, a sacrifice of the humility, a sacrifice of the lowliness, a sacrifice of the meekness, a sacrifice of the gentleness, a sacrifice of the kindness, a sacrifice of the mercy, a sacrifice of the grace, a sacrifice of the love, a sacrifice of the peace, a sacrifice of the joy, a sacrifice of the hope, a sacrifice of the faith, a sacrifice of the charity, a sacrifice of the power, a sacrifice of the wisdom, a sacrifice of the glory, a sacrifice of the kingdom, a sacrifice of the resurrection, a sacrifice of the death, a sacrifice of the life, a sacrifice of the blood, a sacrifice of the flesh, a sacrifice of the world, a sacrifice of the Church, a sacrifice of the Holy Spirit, a sacrifice of the Son, a sacrifice of the Father.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA
 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DECEMBER 26, 1976
 THE REV. RALPH C. LINK, PASTOR
 MRS. WALLACE FEDER, ORGANIST
 MRS. CYNOLIE SYBERT, YOUTH CHOIR DIRECTOR
 PATTY McWILLIAMS, MARK FRY - ACOLYTES

ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE "NAZARETH" GOUNOD
 *PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 102 "HARK, THE HERALD ANGELS SING"
 *ACSCRIPTION - CHORAL AMEN
 *EXHORTATION
 *CONFESSION (UNISON) "O GOD OUR FATHER, WHO DIDST SEND
 FORTH THY SON TO BE KING OF KINGS AND PRINCE OF PEACE;
 GRANT THAT ALL THE KINGDOMS OF THIS WORLD MAY BECOME
 THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST, AND LEARN OF HIM THE WAY OF PEACE,
 SEND FORTH AMONG ALL MEN THE SPIRIT OF GOOD-WILL AND
 RECONCILIATION. LET THOSE WHO ARE OFFENDED FORGIVE, AND
 THOSE WHO HAVE OFFENDED REPENT, SO THAT ALL THY CHILDREN
 MAY LIVE TOGETHER AS ONE FAMILY, PRAISING THEE AND BLESSING
 THEE FOR THE GREAT REDEMPTION WHICH THOU HAS BROUGHT
 FOR US, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN."
 *KYRIE (CHOIR, CONGREGATION AND PASTOR)
 *ASSURANCE OF PARDON - CHORAL AMEN
 *PRAISE
 *PASTOR: O LORD OPEN OUR LIPS.
 *PEOPLE: AND OUR MOUTH SHALL SHOW FORTH THY PRAISE
 *DOXOLOGY No. 551
 SCRIPTURE I JOHN 2: 15-26 - *RISKE READING 77*
 HYMN No. 104 "ANGELS, FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY"
 *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (APOSTLE'S CREED)
 *GLORIA PATRI
 CALL TO PRAYER
 PASTOR: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.
 PEOPLE: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.
 PASTOR: LET US PRAY
 PRAYER AND PRAYER RESPONSE
 OFFERING
 OFFERTORY "CHORALE ON "GOTT SEI DANK"
 BAPTISM OF CHILD
 ANTHEM: "GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN"
 YOUTH CHOIR

SERMON: "TWO HEAPS"

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 116 "GOOD CHRISTIAN MEN, REJOICE"
 BENEDICTION AND THREE FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE "THE MARCH OF THE THREE KINGS" LONDON

THE LOVELY FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN PLACED BY
 MRS. BERNICE NICHOLAS IN LOVING MEMORY OF HER "HUSBAND"
 SERVING AS USHERS TODAY ARE: *DON KINGSLEY, JOHN
 DREHER, GARY PENAR AND RICHARD MANGEL.
 NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED TODAY BY VIRGINIA MANGEL,
 MARLENE REIMER, AND KAREN KENNEDY.
 CHRISTINE ANN PATZ - DAUGHTER OF MR. & MRS. DALE PATZ
 WILL BE BAPTIZED TODAY - BORN NOVEMBER 28, 1976,
 AT THE DUROIS HOSPITAL.
 ELDER AND MRS. ROLAND THOMPSON WILL BE THE GREETERS
 AT THE DOOR TODAY.

HOSPITALIZED: MR. RICHARD CROUSE - MERCY HOSPITAL,
 MRS. GERTRUDE DAVIS, MR. LEWIS KRADEL - BOMH.

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY HERE IN THE UNDERPOET - FOR
 CAREER AGE PEOPLE - DEC. 31 (9 A.M. TO 1 P.M.) - SEE
 WILLIAM OHL FOR DETAILS.

BOWLING PARTY FOR THE YOUTH - 9:00 - THURS. DEC. 30,
 AT THE ROWLEY LANES.

THERE WILL BE NO YOUTH FELLOWSHIP MEETING THIS EVENING.
 MR. RAYMOND MILLER'S OVERCOAT CAME UP MISSING LAST
 SUNDAY. THERE IS AN OVERCOAT IN THE COAT ROOM -
 PLEASE CHECK AND SEE IF YOU HAVE THE RIGHT ONE -
 IT HAS BEEN PRETTY COLD WITHOUT ONE THIS WEEK.
 THERE WERE 266 PRESENT LAST SUNDAY DURING CHURCH.

DON'T FORGET THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S BOOKS WILL
 CLOSE DECEMBER 31ST - THIS COMING FRIDAY. ANYTHING
 RECEIVED AFTER THAT DATE WILL BE CREDITED TO 1977.
 PLEASE DO NOT USE YOUR NEW ENVELOPES UNTIL NEXT
 SUNDAY - THEY WILL NOT BE CREDITED UNTIL 1977.

WELCOMING VISITORS

COMMUNITY RISEN CHURCH - BANGOR, ME. - DECEMBER 28, 1997

WELCOME

GREETINGS/COFFEE/ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRAYER INTENTIONS

NEW YEAR - TREE PAPER RIBBONS

*HYMN

PRAYER/OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN

SCRIPTURE: 1 JOHN 2:15-26

REFLECTION: "TWO HEAPS" - ST. PAUL'S, BUTLER 12/26/76

*HYMN

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

MARY, GENE, SON, DO, R&M, TRAVELING

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CONFIDENTIAL - SECURITY INFORMATION

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Born: April 9, 1929, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Married: December 15, 1951
Wife: Shirley Margaret Neill
Born: December 8, 1930, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Children: Ralph Dale Link, born May 11, 1955, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Lloyd Alan Link, born May 28, 1958, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Nancy Lynn Link, born March 15, 1961, Butler, Pa.

SCHOOLING:

Graduated from Perry High School, Pittsburgh, Pa.
June 1947

Lay Ministry School, Penn West Conference of United
Church of Christ, September 1965 to May 1969

Commissioned Lay Minister June 1969

Lancaster Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa.,
September 1970

Graduated from Lancaster Theological Seminary May 1974

Ordained to Christian Ministry March 10, 1974

PASTORATES:

As Lay Minister: short term, 1 month or less in
various churches 1965 to 1967

Emlenton Lamartine Charge of United Church of Christ
1967 to 1969

Short term in various churches 1970 until Seminary
entrance July 1970

July 1970 to December 1973 Student Pastor at Trinity
Charge, New Bloomfield, Duncannon, Pa., Penn Central
Conference, United Church of Christ

December 1973 to present, St. Paul's United Church of
Christ, Butler, Pa., Penn West Conference, United
Church of Christ

PERSONAL TESTIMONY

OF

Ralph C. Link

I am the youngest of five children. I was born just prior to the onset of the Depression. Our family was very poor. My father was an alcoholic and my mother was a very religious person who was searching for the Lord. During my childhood she did her best to teach me the things of the Lord. Later in life she came to a personal relationship with Him.

I grew up in the Evangelical and Reformed Church where salvation by grace alone was not preached nor taught. I knew all about Jesus, what He did, how He lived, His miracles, His death and resurrection, but I didn't know Him personally.

My life had many ups and downs and all the while I was attending church and striving with my good works to please God. At a very low point in my life when we were deeply in debt and my wife and three children were all ill, I came to the crossroads. I watched a Billy Graham Crusade on television from some distant city and the message he preached seemed to be directed right at me. I wrestled with making that commitment to Christ, but didn't. The next afternoon and evening at work on the 4 to 12 shift I came to the conclusion that I needed to make that commitment to Christ. It seemed like there was no other choice if life was to have any meaning. That night when I came home from work at 1:00 A.M., I laid face down on the living room floor and told God that I couldn't live my life in my own strength and I accepted the gift of salvation from my Savior Jesus Christ. My life has never been the same.

Through several meaningful circumstances I was called by God to serve Him in the Christian Ministry and to help spread that wonderful message of salvation through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. What a wonderful and rewarding time it has been and I give Him all the praise for my salvation and the opportunity to serve Him.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

OF

Ralph C. Link

I believe the Bible, both the Old and New Testaments to be the inspired inerrant Word of God. I believe the Bible is the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of men and it is the final authority for the Christian faith and life.

I believe in one God, who is eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

I believe in the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ that He is true God and true man. I believe that He was born of the Virgin Mary, that He lived in sinless life, that He performed the miracles recorded in Scripture, that He died on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins, that He bodily arose from the dead, that He ascended on high where He is at the right hand of Almighty God as our intercessor.

I believe in the Holy Spirit and that He comes and indwells each believer at the time of conversion. I believe that He lives in each believer to lead, to instruct, and to convict so that a believer may live a more godly life.

I believe that through the shed blood of Jesus Christ and through His resurrection, this is the only ground for justification and salvation for all who receive Him. A Lord and Savior and to such as receive Him, they are born of the Holy Spirit and become children of God.

I believe water baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the Church but are not means of salvation.

I believe in the personal and premillennial and imminent coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I believe in the resurrection of the dead, for the believer to resurrection of life and joy with the Lord, for the unbeliever to resurrection of judgement and everlasting punishment.